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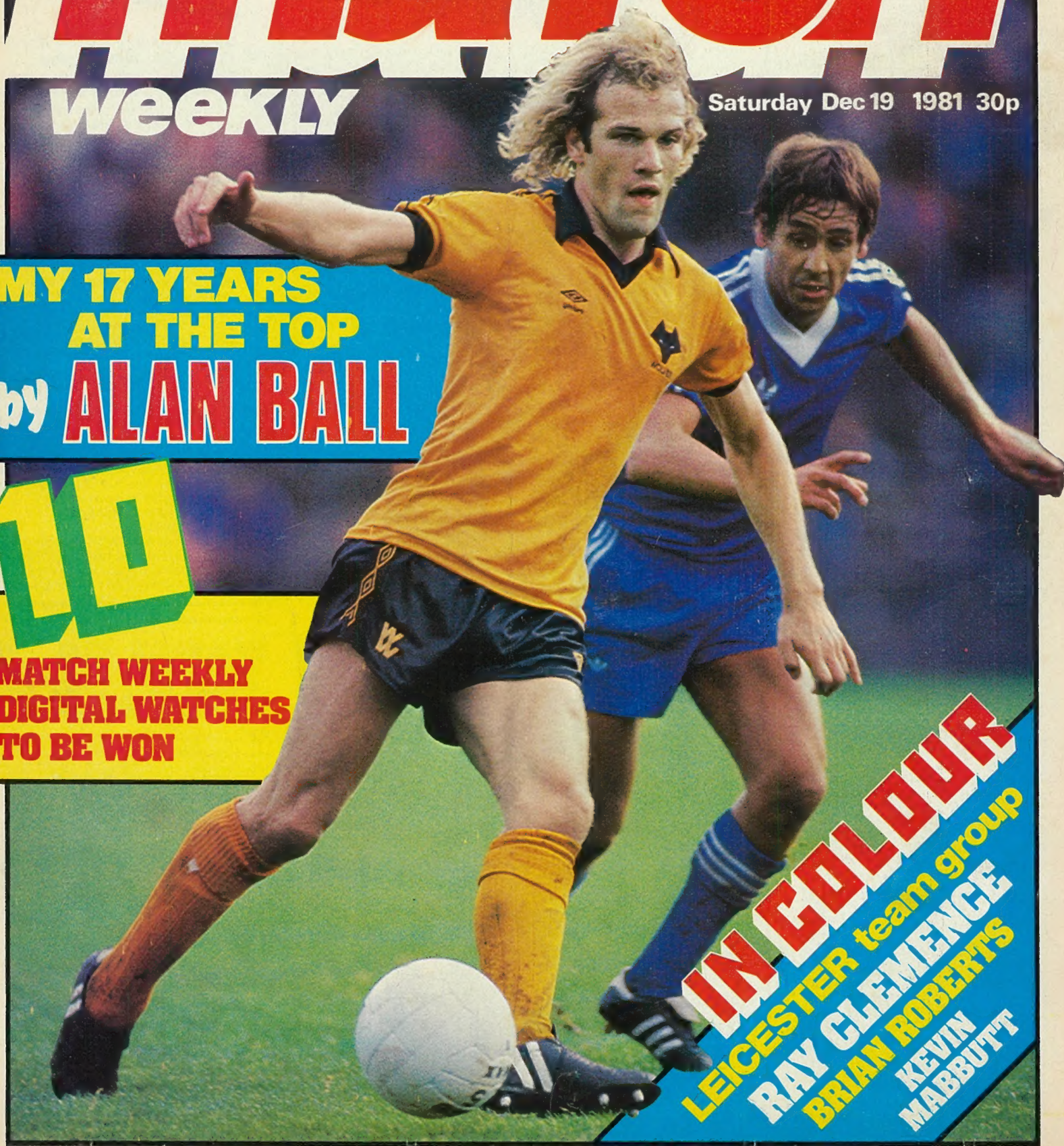
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Wolves' striker Andy Gray plays
the ball away from fellow
Scottish international Don
Masson of Notts County.

ALAN BALL

SIGNS FOR MATCH

England captain Bobby Moore holds the World Cup aloft as he is lifted shoulder high by hat-trick hero Geoff Hurst and Ray Wilson.



ENGLAND winning the World Cup back in 1966 was the pinnacle of my career . . . but it left me with one regret.

It happened too early for me. At the time, I was so young that I didn't really understand what I'd achieved.

It's only now that I fully realise the enormous importance of that glorious day back in May 15 years ago. I'd helped make history.

So, as the other England players sank to their knees on the occasion — many of them in tears — my only thought was to get off the pitch and show my medal to my mum and dad.

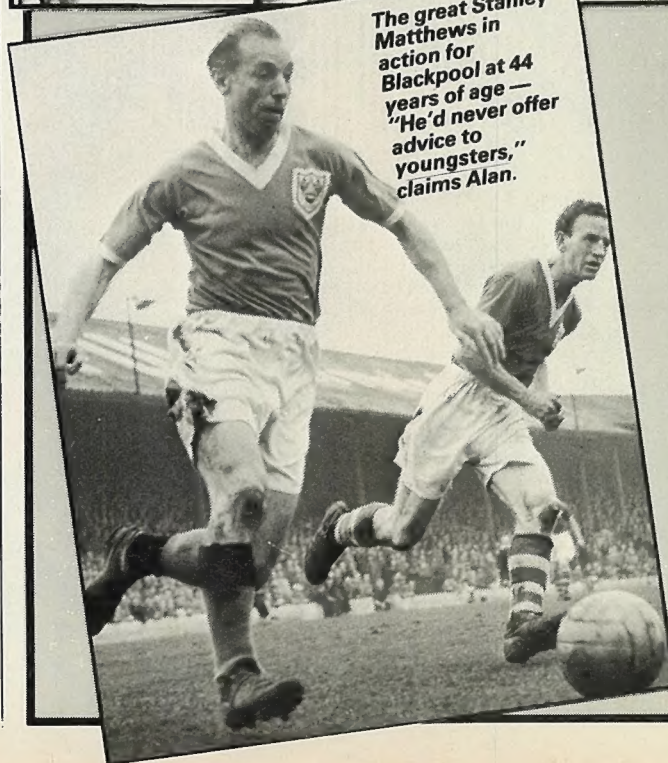
As the players were doing the victory lap after the 4-2 victory over West Germany, I was thinking about taking my girlfriend out for a meal.

All the other players knew exactly what it meant but, at 20-years-old and the youngest member of the team, it didn't sink in.

If anything similar should happen to me — like Southampton winning the League Championship — that would be fantastic. I understand the feeling of achievement now.

The most amazing thing about the World Cup triumph was that the England players knew they'd win the trophy TWO years before

The great Stanley Matthews in action for Blackpool at 44 years of age — "He'd never offer advice to youngsters," claims Alan.



I WAS A

TOTALLY devastated — that's how I felt when Bolton Wanderers cast me aside as a 15-year-old.

The club said I'd never make the grade as a professional footballer because I was too small.

The news was like a hammer blow. I was football crazy and nothing else mattered to me. I was determined to become a footballer.

"It doesn't matter about your size. It's ability and the size of your heart that counts," my father told me when I broke the news to him.

My dad was so confident that I'd make it in the game that he immediately recommended me to Blackpool manager Ron Suart. After 40 minutes of seeing me play, he was convinced I had potential and he signed me.

I've got a lot to thank my father for. Once he realised that I had the ability and was keen, he pushed me in the right direction.

As early as seven-years-old, he used to take me out into the garden or playground in my home town of Farnworth, Lancs, and help me.

He taught me the simplicity of the game. The only people who make football difficult

★★★★★
JR

'DRAINED . . . BUT WE RAISED OUR GAME IN EXTRA TIME'

It's fantastic that they still remember and it makes me feel immensely proud that I was part of England's greatest triumph.

NEXT WEEK: Alan Ball becomes the first £100,000 player! Don't miss the inside story and inside feelings of his history-making move to Everton.

● Alan Ball was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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Star of the Orient

AFTER developing the talents of Real Madrid's Laurie Cunningham and Notts County's John Chiedozie, Second Division Orient have another black goalscorer making an impact.

He's 21-year-old Kevin Godfrey who made his mark with both goals in the London side's 2-0 home defeat of Shrewsbury.

BOMBS STOP PLAY!

BOMBS stop play. That was the case in the Dutch First Division match between The Hague and Utrecht.

The match had to be abandoned when two bombs exploded on the pitch after being catapulted into the stadium.

None of the players were hurt.

BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE

CELTIC are the first Scottish winners of the National five-a-side soccer championship.

They lifted the title at Wembley Arena with a 1-0 win over Kevin Keegan's Southampton in the final.

Charlie Nicholas, much admired by clubs south of the border, scored the crucial goal in the first half.

He was the star of the young Celtic side, scoring twice in the 3-1 semi-final victory over Ipswich.

Southampton's winner in their semi-final defeat of West Brom came from Keegan.

Welsh Cup winners

THREE of the major clubs in the Welsh Cup, which carries a passport into the European Cup Winners' Cup, all had comfortable passages into the Fourth Round.

Swansea, the holders, and Wrexham both scored four goals in disposing of Stafford, and Stourbridge respectively.

Newport went one better with five in the defeat of Taffs Wells.

The outstanding individual performance of the night came from Wrexham's Steve Fox who collected a hat-trick.

Super sub torpedos Dundee Utd

SUPER sub! That's what they are calling Rangers striker Ian Redford.

For it was his brilliant 88th minute goal that clinched the Scottish League Cup for Rangers for the third time in five years.

The 2-1 victory also ended Dundee United's hopes of winning the trophy for the third successive year.

United led by a Willie Milne goal, but Rangers came back late in the game to snatch victory with goals by Davie Cooper and Redford.

Saints go marching on!

IS there another club which, like Southampton, has five players who all have at least a dozen years of League life behind them? Alan Ball made his debut in August, 1962, Mike Channon in April, 1966, Dave Watson in March 1967, and Kevin Keegan and Chris Nicholl both in September, 1968.

Not worth waiting for . . .

STOKE goalkeeper Eric McManus had to wait two years for his first League appearance. But the £85,000 signing from Notts County didn't exactly make the right start after replacing Peter Fox.

Making his first appearance in Division One for ten years, the

former Coventry and Notts County 'keeper gave away a penalty to set Wolves on the way to a 2-0 win at Molineux.

SCOTTISH WINGER BANNED

ST Johnstone winger John Pelosi has been banned for the rest of the season by the Scottish FA.

It's the severest punishment ever imposed since the new disciplinary system came into operation four years ago.

Pelosi was ordered off last month after an incident in which Dunfermline full-back John Brown broke a leg.

He was disciplined by his own club and has not played in the first team since.

CLOUGH ASKS FOR ADVICE!

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Brian Clough consulted his Norwegian defender Einar Aas before paying £250,000 for West German 'B' international midfielder player Jurgen Rober.

"I don't often do that because I don't value players' opinions too much. They make flippant assessments," he says.

"Before I ask any player's opinion I have to think hard about whom I'm asking. There are others I wouldn't ask the time of day."

Einar used to play with Jurgen at Bayern Munich.

INTO THE BULLRING

England's mascot for Spain . . .

HERE he is — Bulldog Bobby, England's official mascot for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

The Football Association are hoping to raise more than £750,000 for youth soccer from all commercial enterprises that will bear their official emblem.

Numerous products, like T-shirts, beer mats, sports bags and jigsaws will soon be flooding the market as England's preparations reach their climax.

But FA chairman Mr Bert Millichip stressed at the official launch that there would be no commercial scramble.

"Although I am frightened to death by the way commercial activities are getting involved in football, I am certain that our campaign will be carried out with dignity," he says.

As an additional safeguard against so-called 'pirate' manufacturers, all FA-approved merchandise will carry the 'CAPMARK' as a seal of approval.

All the money from the campaign will go directly to the FA's Youth Trust to boost facilities and coaching in schools and universities for the next generation of World Cup stars.

To help promote Bulldog Bobby, both Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton, two of England's World Cup winning heroes in 1966, will be assisting in the campaign.



ATKINS STAYS FOR NOW

IAN Atkins' on-off move from Shrewsbury appears to be over... for the time being at least.

The striker, who has been linked with Stoke, Newcastle, Wrexham and Walsall since seeking a move this season, has now decided to sign an improved contract with the Second Division club until the end of the season.

But this is not to say that Ian's long-term future will be with the Second Division club.

"I was made a good offer by Walsall but that would have meant dropping down a division," says Ian, whose new striking role this season had produced nine goals up to the end of November.

"The clubs were taking the matter to the tribunal over the fee when Shrewsbury

came in with an improved contract until the end of the season.

"If some of the bigger clubs were interested they would have come in by now, so I'm staying with Shrewsbury for the time being, although there is a clause in the contract which would enable me to leave at any time.

"I still want to leave Shrewsbury if the right offer comes along.

"It's up to me to keep scoring goals and making headlines because, at a place like Shrewsbury, that's what you need to do.

"I hope to finish with around 18 goals because clubs always look at the goal-scoring lists at the end of the season. And there are not that many goalscorers around."

Shrewsbury's Ian Atkins — "I still want to leave the club."



Brown bomber!

CONGRATULATIONS to those Match readers who managed to identify our mystery guests in the 'Who Am I' quizzes which appeared in the December 5 and 12 issues.

It was really tough... not least because we had bogus clues.

As we all know, Tony Brown, the mystery guest in the December 5 issue, never played for Northern Ireland as one clue stated.

And in the December 12 issue, we all know that Gerry Armstrong didn't play for England.

KEEPER'S NIGHTMARE

CAMBRIDGE goalkeeper Richard Key took a trip down memory lane recently and it turned into a nightmare.

Playing his first Second Division game of the season, Richard conceded four goals at Leicester, where he was once an apprentice professional.

It was a happy day for striker Trevor Hebbard, however — on loan to Leicester from Southampton. Making his home debut, he had an outstanding game and scored.

Coach Bill is dead

BILL Taylor, one of England's soccer coaches, has died at the age of 42. He was taken ill during England's preparations for the vital World Cup game with Hungary last month.

The Scot, who used to be with Manchester City, was assistant to Oldham manager Jimmy Frizzell.

ROWDIES RETURN

DAVE Mehmet and Tony Kinsella, the two young Millwall players who joined Tampa Bay Rowdies in March this year, are back in the Football League.

Dave has joined Second Division Charlton for £70,000 while Tony has gone to First Division Ipswich for £60,000, where he teams up with two more former Millwall men, goalkeeper John Jackson and £250,000 winger Kevin O'Callaghan.

Blankety-blank

WHAT are the odds on a 0-0 draw when North London neighbours Spurs and Arsenal clash at White Hart Lane on December 28? This incredible fact will make you wonder:

The pair have faced each other 92 times in Football League peacetime matches since they first met over 70 years ago, and 0-0 draws in the series total... just one! That was at White Hart Lane in September, 1975.

Bristol United

THE two Bristol clubs will be sharing facilities next season.

Rovers have been unable to agree terms with the owners of their Eastville ground, and so they will share facilities with Third Division rivals City at Ashton Gate.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Spurs on song

THE talents of Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle have taken him into the world of music.

The England midfield player produces two solo performances on the club's debut album 'The Tottenham Hotspur Party Album' which has just been released for Christmas.

And Glenn proves he's no mean performer on the 'mike' with renderings of 'Hey Jude' and 'Happy Christmas', backed by the Spurs squad and two ladies who harmonise to perfection as 'The Totettes'.

The record, produced by Towerbell Records, is essentially a party-singalong featuring 33 tracks, including that well known ditty 'If You Knew Susie' which is subtly transformed into 'If You Knew Ossie'.

Needless to say, the hit single 'Ossie's Dream' is included, as well as a personal message from skipper Steve Perryman, an

interview with manager Keith Burkinshaw and the entire album is interspersed with commentary extracts featuring the goals in Spurs' memorable FA Cup Final victory over Manchester City.

The album costs £3.06, with a special offer of a free copy with every ten purchased.

● ANOTHER soccer record doing the rounds at the moment is a revival of the tribute to former Liverpool manager Billy Shankly, called 'Liverpool Bill'.

The record was penned by Liverpool supporter Vic Blackwell following Bill's retirement as manager.

Now, following his sudden death recently, the record has been re-released with the proceeds going to The British Heart Foundation.

The record is produced by DJM Records Ltd.

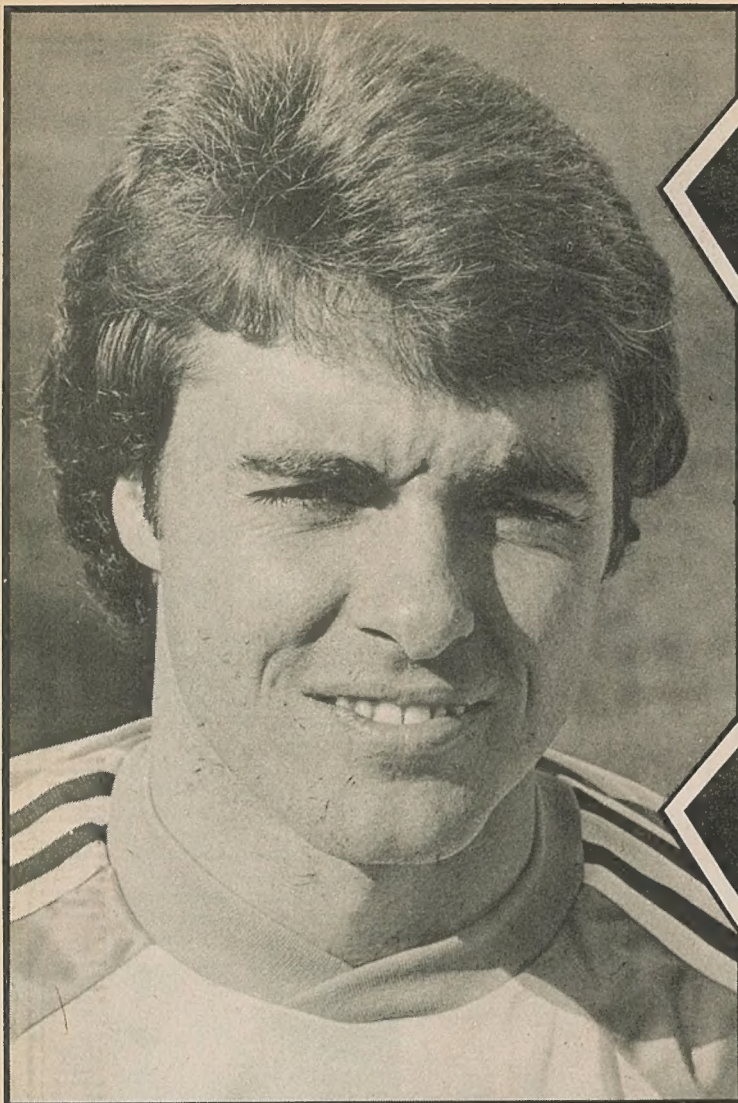
Tricky link

CAN you spot the tie-up that links all these five strikers:

Mike Channon (Southampton), Bob Latchford (Swansea), Ross Jenkins (Watford), Alan Buckley (Walsall), and Colin Garwood (Aldershot)? They are the only current players who have hit hat-tricks in the Football League, FA Cup, and League Cup.

WHO AM I?

I'm a Scottish international defender who started my career with Chelsea. Now turn to page 15 for the next clue.



LUTON'S

SECRET

WEAPON

Above: Mal Donaghy — "The Luton side is showing more maturity."

Luton winger David Moss — "Four of my goals have come from his corners. He picks me out so well," says Mal Donaghy.



LUTON'S secret scoring weapon in their Second Division promotion bid is defender Mal Donaghy.

After managing just one League goal in the past three seasons, big Mal has suddenly developed an uncontrollable urge to score.

The Northern Ireland international has already chalked up six this season, including five in a sequence of eight matches, and that makes him one of the deadliest defenders in the business.

Accuracy

But Mal is quick to share the credit with winger David Moss, whose accuracy from dead ball situations has resulted in most of the central defender's crucial goals.

"Four of my goals have come from David's corners. He picks me out so well and puts the ball right on my head," says Mal.

"I've always been involved in dead ball situations but, in the main, Mike Saxby has been the target.

"But since he has been out through injury, I've been the focal point and, fortunately for me, the goals keep going in.

"I've never been noted for scoring goals. I played about twenty games in the Irish League before joining Luton and scored about five goals.

"I've not set myself a target for this season. I'm quite pleased to have six at this stage."

Mal's mini-scoring spree is a real bonus to a Luton side that is taking the Second Division by storm.

After narrowly missing the promotion boat in the last two seasons, Luton have no intention of slipping up this time.

"We are beginning to appreciate that a gap has developed and that will help take the pressure off a little should we suffer a lean spell," adds Mal.

"In the last two seasons, we blew it during the final weeks of the campaign. Hopefully we shall have some breathing space this time if we can keep our form going.

"The side is showing more maturity this season. Most of the youngsters have grown up together over the past two or three years and, in skipper Brian Horton, we have an ideal leader on the park."

Mal sees Barnsley and Queen's Park Rangers as the two teams most likely to close the gap, but at the moment Luton are the team to catch.

In front

"We're out in front and it's up to the rest of the league to catch us," he says.

"The way things are going at the moment, I can see no reason why we shouldn't get promotion."

With Northern Ireland having qualified for the World Cup Finals in Spain next summer, promotion with Luton would complete a bumper season for the youngster.

"A chance of First Division soccer next season on top of Northern Ireland's success would certainly put the icing on the cake."



MATCH WEEKLY
talks to one of the men
of the moment . . .
Spurs' new scoring
sensation
MIKE HAZARD

● Don't miss the Glenn Hoddle column on pages 16 and 17 of this week's issue.

**'THE BOSS
WAS ON
THE VERGE
OF GETTING
RID OF ME'**

HAZARD

Mike Hazard — before the season started, he was fed up, overweight and wasting his time in the reserves.

warning

THE pass from Glenn Hoddle had the speed of a bullet and the direction of an arrow.

Mike Hazard chested it down and turned in the same movement to flash an unstoppable shot past Peter Shilton.

It was a goal that brought the crowd to its feet and owed everything to the quickness of thought and natural instincts of Tottenham's new goalscoring hero.

But as soon as the ball hit the back of the net, Mike realised he was out of his depth.

"It was amazing really," Mike recalls. "I suddenly stopped and thought what do I do now, the ball is in the net but where do I go?"

"There's not so much fuss when you score in the reserves and you just run back to the centre."

It's an incident that illustrates the progress that Mike has made in only a few weeks.

Before the season started, he was fed-up, overweight and wasting his time in the reserves.

Now, after a string of fine displays, not to mention some heart-stopping goals, the bubbly-haired North Easterner has

earned the right to be mentioned alongside the great Glenn Hoddle and Osvaldo Ardiles.

Mike's first game this season was instantly forgettable as Spurs crashed to a 4-0 home defeat by West Ham.

His next appearance was a totally different affair as Forest were humbled 3-0 with Mike making the first — and scoring the second.

Satisfying

He rates that goal as his best of the season. But it's not the most satisfying. That came in the 2-0 victory at Sunderland and was watched by 30 of his family and friends.

"It was a great thrill because I supported Sunderland as a lad and wanted to sign for them," Mike

said.

"But my dad wanted me to sign for Spurs as they were the first to show an interest."

But even with that hurdle over, there were a lot more hazards in Mike's way before he could see his name in lights.

The first was home sickness. It hit Mike so bad that SIX times he caught a train out of London back to his home.

"Fortunately, the club were very patient, and arranged for me to come home at weekends more often," he said.

The second obstacle was Mike's attitude. At 21, he thought he was never going to make it at White Hart Lane, a feeling strengthened when Hoddle, Ardiles and Villa signed new contracts in the close season.

"They offered me another

two-year contract but I didn't sign it and adopted a couldn't-care-less attitude in training. I must have put on about ten pounds in weight.

"I had a chat with Keith Burkinshaw and learned that he was on the verge of getting rid of me because of my poor pre-season performances.

Fair

"But the talk did a lot of good. Keith said he would give me a chance when someone was injured and I decided that if he was fair with me, I would be fair with him.

"I haven't looked back since and now all I want to do is to play as many games as possible in the first team."

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HONOURS: Highest position in Division Two: 5th 1901-02; Division Three (North) champions 1931-32, 1947-48, 1951-52, runners-up 1927-28, 1930-31, 1936-37; Division Four champions



1975-76, runners-up 1980-81. FA Cup best season: First Round of second series (equivalent Fifth Rnd) 1886-87, Second Rnd (equivalent Fifth Rnd) 1889-90, 1901-02. League Cup best season: Fourth Rnd, 1967-68.
RECORD VICTORY: 11-1 v Crewe Alexandra, Division Three (North), September 29, 1951.
RECORD DEFEAT: 3-11 v Manchester City, Division Two, March 23, 1895.
MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 74, Division Four, 1975-76 (League record).
MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 121, Division Three (North), 1951-52.
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON: Allan Hall, 42, Division Three (North), 1931-32.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN TOTAL AGGREGATE: Andy Graver, 144, 1950-55 and 1958-61.
MOST CAPPED PLAYER: David Pugh 3 (7), Wales; Con Moulson 3 (6), Eire; George Moulson 3, Eire.
MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Tony Emery, 402, 1946-59.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £180,000 from Newcastle United for Mick Hartford, December 1980.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £45,000 to Southampton for George Shipley, January 1980.
MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR: Bill Anderson, Bob Chapman, Ron Gray, Bert Loxley, David Herd, Graham Taylor, George Kerr, Willie Bell, Colin Murphy (current).

Match writer Anthony Hawkswell turns the spotlight on Arsenal — a club determined to prove their critics wrong.



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ARSENAL pulled themselves out of trouble in the First Division by taking a maximum 15 points from five League games as they stretched their unbeaten run to nine matches. Here's a run-down of their unbeaten spell before it was ended by Liverpool's 3-0 victory in the League Cup Fourth Round replay at Anfield.

Oct. 27, League Cup
 Arsenal 2, (Sunderland, Young) Sheff. Utd 0
 Oct. 31, Division One
 Arsenal 1, (Thomas og) Coventry 0
 Nov. 7, Division One
 Aston Villa 0 Arsenal 2 (Rix, Talbot)
 Nov. 10, League Cup
 Arsenal 1 (Nicholas) Norwich 0

Nov. 21, Division One
 Nottingham For. 1 Arsenal 2 (Sunderland, Talbot)
 Nov. 28, Division One
 Arsenal 1 (McDermott) Everton 0
 Dec. 1 League Cup
 Arsenal 0 Liverpool 0
 Dec. 5, Division One
 West Ham 1 Arsenal 2 (Whyte, Hollins).



Kenny goes gunning for the critics

ENGLAND defender Kenny Sansom (left) has hit back at the "sickening" criticism aimed at Arsenal this season.

If the critics were to be believed, the famous 'Gunners' were falling apart at the seams and facing a crisis season.

Their failure to replace long-gone Italian export Liam Brady and Eire international striker Frank Stapleton had the so-called experts predicting a struggle against relegation for the North London giants.

But, after a run which produced a maximum 15 points from five League-games, it's the players' turn to hit back.

"We were sick with the way

people kept slagging us off. It just wasn't fair," said Kenny.

"We took a lot of stick and were accused of being boring. But I don't believe we're playing any different now than we were at the beginning of the season.

"The only difference is that we're getting the luck which was going against us earlier, and that's boosted our confidence.

"The criticism got to some of the lads and I think they wondered what was happening to the team. Fortunately, our good run in the League Cup kept our spirit up," added the attacking left-back.

"A couple of good results has seen the players start to believe in themselves and we've crept up the table.

"Arsenal always seem to get tagged boring when results aren't going our way. I can't believe it. No one ever tells us to go out and defend.

"We never think of going for a draw. Winning is always our top priority," said Kenny, who joined the club from Crystal Palace at the beginning of last season in a £1m deal involving striker Clive Allen.

When Arsenal were going through their rough spell at the wrong end of the First Division — they were two places above the relegation zone at one stage — manager Terry Neill resisted all pressures to buy expensive replacements for his missing stars.

And his determination not to fork out the millions required nowadays seems to have paid dividends as the club have shot into the top six with the help of home-grown talent.

Defender Chris Whyte has

stepped in ably for the discontented Willie Young, while Paul Davis has shown enough promise in midfield to indicate that he could lay the ghost of Liam Brady.

To replace Frank Stapleton, Terry Neill has given England international Graham Rix a striker's role alongside Alan Sunderland.

And that's the move that Kenny believes could pay dividends for Arsenal this season.

"Graham has improved 50 per cent since he was moved up front. I believe he was very restricted playing on the left side of midfield.

"His new position means that he can rove around, and as well as setting up chances for others, he's scoring a few goals himself."

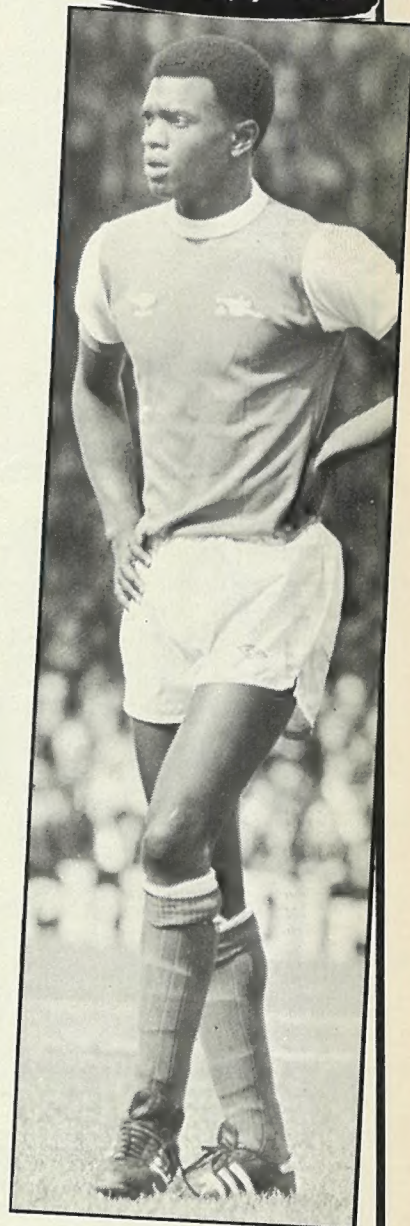
And as Arsenal stride back up the First Division table, Kenny hopes his performances will catch the eye of England manager Ron Greenwood and convince him that he's the man for the number three shirt in the World Cup Finals next summer.

"The disappointment of not getting a place against Hungary still hurts, but it's made me even more determined to fight my way back.

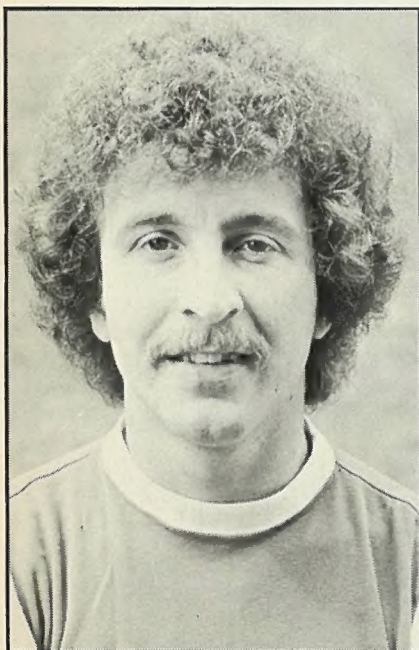
"The manager told me before the game that he wanted to keep as near as possible to the team which won in Hungary and that meant Mick Mills took the left-back shirt.

"I've got to prove myself between now and the end of the season," said Kenny.

"Qualifying for the World Cup Finals is the biggest thing in football and I want to be part of the set-up in Spain."



Paul Davis — he's shown enough promise in midfield to suggest he can lay the ghost of Liam Brady.



Striker Alan Sunderland — now blending well with Graham Rix up front for the 'Gunners'.

NEXT WEEK: Arsenal new face Chris Whyte talks to Match about his road to stardom.

Focus on new
Crystal Palace
striker . . .

KEVIN MABBUTT

FULL NAME: Kevin Richard Mabbutt.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Bristol, December 5, 1958.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 8ins/11st.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: TR7 (convertible).
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Bristol City.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Mabbs'.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool for his ability to turn defenders and create chances out of nothing.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona — one of the most complete players I have seen.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Wilson, Cooper, Moore, McFarland (England), Best (N. Ireland), Ball, Charlton R. (England), Brady (Eire), Dalglish (Scotland), Greaves (England).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, Cooper (England), Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (West Germany), Moore (England), Zico (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil), Best (N. Ireland), Charlton R. (England).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: The Kingdome (Seattle).
BEST GOAL SCORED: The third in my hat-trick for Bristol City against Manchester United at Old Trafford in season 1978-79.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Bobby Charlton's for England against Mexico in the 1966 World Cup.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Colin Todd.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The game in which I scored three against Manchester United.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Bristol City getting relegated.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis, swimming and squash.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Politics and vintage cars.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Violence, smoking and putting on weight.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Dallas.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Coronation Street.
FAVOURITE READING: Anything by Harold Robins.
FAVOURITE SINGER: George Benson.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Veal and salad.
FAVOURITE DRINK: White wine.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: U.S.A.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Robert de Niro/Barbra Streisand.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Jazz Singer.
BEST FRIEND: My brother Gary and Malcolm Bayliss, my business partner.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family, Alan Dicks and Bobby Houghton.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Not scoring in a game and crowd violence.
SUPERSTITIONS: I always have a bath before a game.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached eggs and coffee.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Schoolboy and England Youth caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in whatever I do.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To once more play in the First Division and to play for England.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Business ventures.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: My brother Gary at Bristol Rovers.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Rupert Murdoch (owner of the Times).
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Keep fit and be happy.

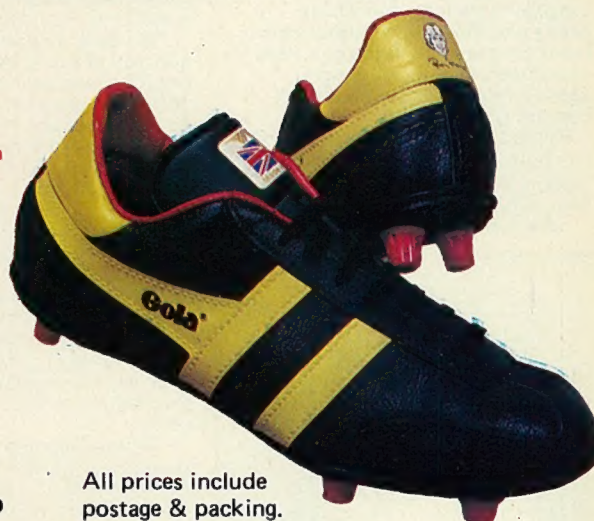
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PICTURE PUZZLE

PICTURED are four players who may well be figuring in the World Cup squads of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Can you identify them with the help of the following clues.

- A: Young central defender who made his England debut last summer.
- B: Fleet-footed Scottish forward who figured in the World Cup qualifying matches.
- C: Second Division player who boosted Northern Ireland's World Cup bid.
- D: Anglo-Scottish defender who emerged this year as a regular in the side.



FINDERS KEEPERS

CAN you correctly match these Fourth Division goalkeepers with their clubs?

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Keith Waugh | a) Darlington |
| 2 Neil Freeman | b) Sheff. United |
| 3 Roy Tunks | c) Peterborough |
| 4 Eddie Blackburn | d) Wigan |
| 5 Martin Burleigh | e) York |

SCORE SIX

USING only six letters that appear in **CHRISTMAS**

can you find the six soccer words indicated by these clues?

- 1 — Weekly.
2. Every player wears one.
3. Big defender Paul — joined Leeds United from Blackpool.
4. Managers Bobby, Dave, Jimmy and Mike.
5. Allardyce, for example.
6. Month when there is a transfer deadline.

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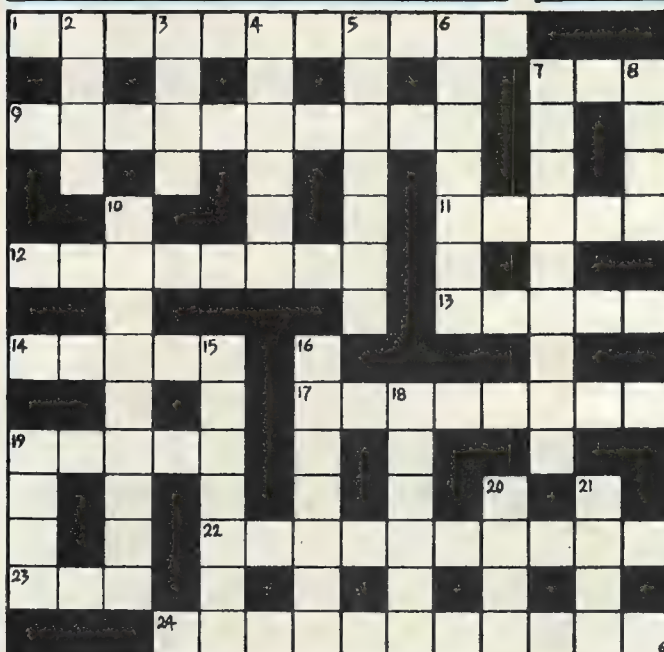
1. Midfielder who came back to Derby from Portland Timbers this season (5,6)
7. Hinnigan, perhaps (3)
9. 'Alec Nevill' (anagram) — in the last year or so he has made many expensive moves. (5,5)
11. — Jardine, Rangers and Scotland star (7)
12. Steve Archibald's club between Clyde and Spurs (8)
13. Striker who joined Leicester from Oldham (he's the opposite of half of his first club)) (5)
14. Is this Viennese side the quickest club in Austria? (5)
17. Alec — has been manager of 12 across for the last few seasons (8)
19. — Road is the home of Huddersfield Town (5)
22. He has kept goal for Peterborough, Brighton and Watford (4,6)
23. — Shanks joined Brighton from QPR (3)
24. On last season's averages, Manchester United had the best ones and Tranmere Rovers had the worst (11)

Down:

2. Mr McCoist, maybe (4)
3. Famous winger who scored many goals for Italy (his name is hidden in 'deprivation') (4)
4. 'A creep?' (anagram) — of course not, it's a Spurs midfielder of the 1970s (6)
5. One of England's Rays (7)
6. 'Daly's in' (anagram) — actually it's a former Liverpool and England full-back (7)

7. Defender who played 350 games for Everton and by the end of last season had run up half as many again for Oldham (4,5)
8. It's not hard to think of this chant! (4)
10. Religious-sounding fellow who played over 200 matches for each of Brighton and Exeter and then added some more with Swindon (9)
15. Hearing this gets a referee reaching for his notebook! (7)

16. Something the linesman signals (7)
18. A — arm is the referee's signal to show that a free-kick is to be indirect (6)
19. Frank —, manager of Hereford.
20. — Mooney was Bournemouth's top scorer last season (4)
21. Wigan wear it (4)



TRUE OR

CAN you tell whether the following statements are true or false?

- 1 Billy Hamilton scored Northern Ireland's World Cup winner against Israel last month. True/False.
- 2 Paul Sturrock scored Scotland's goal in their



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FALSE?

- 2-1 World Cup defeat in Portugal. True/False.
- 3 Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle was one of the England subs for the World Cup clash with Hungary at Wembley. True/False.
- 4 Wales were beaten 4-0 in Russia in their recent World Cup clash. True/False.
- 5 Mike Robinson (left) scored one of the Republic of Ireland goals in their 2-1 World Cup win over France. True/False.
- 6 West Ham striker David Cross began his League career with Bury. True/False.
- 7 Clive Allen was Crystal Palace's leading goalscorer last season. True/False.
- 8 Ian Rush joined Liverpool from Chester. True/False.



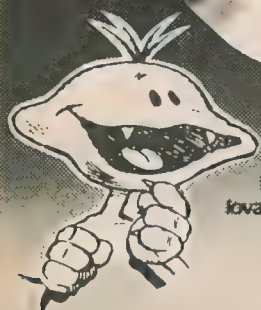
SOLUTIONS

SCORE SIX: 1 Match; 2 Shirt; 3 Hart; 4 Smith; 5 Sam; 6 March; TRUE OR FALSE: 1 False (it was Gerry Armstrong); 2 True; 3 False; 4 False (Wales lost 3-0); 5 True; 6 False (it was Hoddle); 7 True; 8 True; 9 False; 10 True. PICTURE PUZZLE: A: Terry Butcher (Ipswich); B: David Prosen (Colt); C: Gerry Armstrong (Watford); D: Ray Stewart (West Ham). FINDERS KEEPERS: 1/B; 2/C; 3/D; 4/E; 5/F; 6/G; 7/H; 8/I; 9/J; 10/K; 11/L; 12/M; 13/N; 14/O; 15/P; 16/Q; 17/R; 18/S; 19/T; 20/U; 21/V; 22/W; 23/X; 24/Y; 25/Z; 26/A; 27/B; 28/C; 29/D; 30/E; 31/F; 32/G; 33/H; 34/I; 35/J; 36/K; 37/L; 38/M; 39/N; 40/O; 41/P; 42/Q; 43/R; 44/S; 45/T; 46/U; 47/V; 48/W; 49/X; 50/Y; 51/Z; 52/A; 53/B; 54/C; 55/D; 56/E; 57/F; 58/G; 59/H; 60/I; 61/J; 62/K; 63/L; 64/M; 65/N; 66/O; 67/P; 68/Q; 69/R; 70/S; 71/T; 72/U; 73/V; 74/W; 75/X; 76/Y; 77/Z; 78/A; 79/B; 80/C; 81/D; 82/E; 83/F; 84/G; 85/H; 86/I; 87/J; 88/K; 89/L; 90/M; 91/N; 92/O; 93/P; 94/Q; 95/R; 96/S; 97/T; 98/U; 99/V; 100/W; 101/X; 102/Y; 103/Z; 104/A; 105/B; 106/C; 107/D; 108/E; 109/F; 110/G; 111/H; 112/I; 113/J; 114/K; 115/L; 116/M; 117/N; 118/O; 119/P; 120/Q; 121/R; 122/S; 123/T; 124/U; 125/V; 126/W; 127/X; 128/Y; 129/Z; 130/A; 131/B; 132/C; 133/D; 134/E; 135/F; 136/G; 137/H; 138/I; 139/J; 140/K; 141/L; 142/M; 143/N; 144/O; 145/P; 146/Q; 147/R; 148/S; 149/T; 150/U; 151/V; 152/W; 153/X; 154/Y; 155/Z; 156/A; 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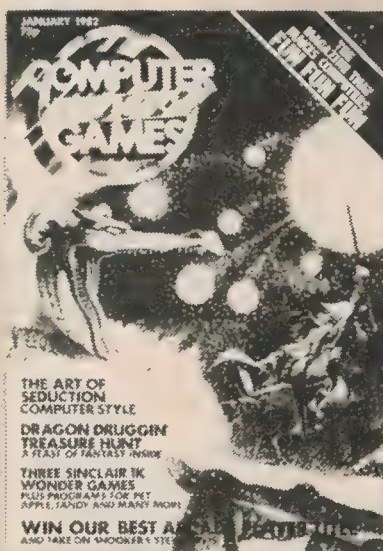
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UNITED CALL FOR THE DOC

Dec. 22, 1972.

IT'S nine years this week since the
incomparable Tommy Docherty
breezed into Manchester United
after four days of sensational
developments at Old Trafford.

The controversial Scotland
manager is appointed on
December 22 just four days after
the United board sacked Frank
O'Farrell, assistant Malcolm
Musgrove and chief scout John
Aston.

O'Farrell, currently managing
Fourth Division Torquay, said he
had been dismissed because the
team was bottom of the First
Division.



**Tommy Docherty . . . takes over at
Old Trafford.**

Arrival

Ex-players Bill Foulkes and Pat
Crerand organised affairs at the
club for two days until the arrival of
Docherty.

After signing a contract worth a
reported £15,000 a year, the Doc
said: "Only one word can sum up
my feelings — fantastic!

"My aim has always been to be

the best manager in football. And I
know that at Old Trafford I will get
the best possible chance of proving
that I have what it takes."

And he almost gets a dream
start. United led with a Ted
MacDougall goal until the last
minute when Allan Clarke snatched
an equaliser for Leeds.

To add to all the managerial
upheaval, wayward Irish genius
George Best announced his
retirement from football in a letter
to the club.

Weller in a walk-out

Dec. 20, 1974.

FORMER England winger Keith
Weller stages a walk-out at
Leicester halfway through the
home match with Ipswich.

The ex-skipper refuses to go
out for the second half and
leaves the ground before the end
of the match which ended in a
1-0 win for Ipswich that took
them to the top of the First

Division.

Two days later, Keith is placed
on the transfer list by manager
Jimmy Bloomfield and fined two
weeks' wages.

Norwich boss John Bond
writes to all the First and
Second Division managers
asking them to blacklist the
Leicester winger.

Dec. 24, 1975.

THIRD Division Crystal
Palace created a major
shock in the FA Cup
fourth round with a 1-0 win
at Leeds thanks to a Dave
Swindlehurst goal.

Dec. 19, 1978.

DON Revie is banned for ten years
by the FA for 'bringing the game
into disrepute' after breaking his
contract with the FA and
abandoning his job as England
manager to work in the United
Arab Emirates.



HOT SHOTS!

Top: Manchester City goalkeeper Joe Corrigan looks to have the ball covered but he's beaten by the pace of this penalty by Ipswich midfielder John Wark in Town's 2-0 win.

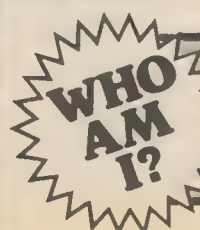
Above: Sheffield Wednesday's Kevin Taylor is hugged by Gary Bannister after scoring in the 2-2 draw with Barnsley.



Above: It's there! West Brom's Andy King (kneeling) has his arm in the air as the ball beats West Ham goalkeeper Phil Parkes in their League Cup, Third Round clash at Upton Park. The match finished 2-2, but West Brom went on to win the tie.



Left: Manchester United striker Garry Birtles (second right) connects with the ball to send it flying past Brighton defender Neil McNab and goalkeeper Graham Moseley as Brighton skipper Steve Foster looks on. This was United's first goal in their 2-0 League victory over the 'Seagulls' at Old Trafford.



I stayed in London in the lower divisions when I left Stamford Bridge. Now turn to page 19 for the next clue.

Pen pals

I'm a 12-year-old Leeds United fan who would like a pen pal who follows any football team. My interests are darts, snooker, cricket and collecting programmes.

John Mardall, 10 Fairview Court, Baildon, Shipley, Yorks.

I'm a 14-year-old Tottenham supporter who would like a male pen pal, preferably in London. Joanne Scarrot, 82 Manor Grove, Richmond, Surrey.

I'm a ten-year-old Ipswich fan who would like a pen pal who supports any team in the world. Sarah Boyne, 5 Henconner Drive, Leeds.

I AM a 16-year-old Watford supporter who would like a pen pal of about the same age who lives in Watford and goes to their matches.

Jenny Herbert, 109 Southbrook Street, Swindon.

I WOULD like a pen pal who supports Leeds and likes to write about football.

Arne Flatin, 6065 Ulsteinvik, Norway.

IPSWICH Town are my favourite team and I would like a boy pen pal between 14 and 16 who lives in the Ipswich area.

Emma Saunders, Town Farm, Eye, Suffolk.

I'm a 16-year-old Arsenal fan who would like to write to an equally keen Arsenal or Tottenham fan living in London.

Jayne Brannan, Kelsterton College, Connah's Quay, Deeside, Clwyd, North Wales.

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THE KILL

'We must finish teams off' says

GLENN HODDLE

EIGHT months after lifting the FA Cup we now find ourselves just three matches away from another Wembley appearance — this time in the League Cup.

And we've got the draw we wanted in the Quarter-Finals.

After beating Fulham in the Fourth Round we all agreed that Nottingham Forest at home would be a good draw for us... and that's just what we got.

It was such a marvellous feeling when we beat Manchester City in the final of the FA Cup and we are desperate to get to Wembley again.

We seem to have had something over Forest in the past two or three years having beaten them in our last two League clashes at White Hart Lane.

But, of course, history doesn't count for too much as we found out against Coventry in our last home League game.

On the day, our good past record against them didn't stop them beating us 2-1.

No disrespect intended to Coventry, but Spurs seem to play better against the glamour sides like Forest.

It's not that we relax against any side, but we're not going to be the hot favourites to go through as we were against Fulham in the last round.

Not everyone is going to be expecting us to win and that can make the difference.

Fulham played particularly well when they came to White Hart Lane and looked anything but a Third Division side.

I didn't feel we had any problems at half-time, but they came out and played really well in the second half and indeed they could have won it.

In fact, the match underlined what's been our problem at home this season. We are not killing teams off when we've got the upper hand.

Obviously, having lost five matches at home, we are a little concerned that we are not punishing sides when we get ourselves into a winning position.

To that end, we've been working really hard in training on the finishing aspect of the game with a view to sticking the ball in the net

more often when chances do come our way.

As yet, Steve Archibald hasn't found the kind of scoring form that he had last season but I'm sure there's nothing wrong there that a couple of goals wouldn't put right.

I'm sure Garth Crooks would be happier with a few more goals under his belt, but I don't think any one player should be singled out for criticism.

It will come right and, when it does, I can see us scoring a hatful.

It's been suggested that our attacking style is no good for a team with title ambitions.

We have become more organised at the back this season but maybe we will have to look at shutting up shop a bit more when we get in winning positions.

Victory

Naturally, the White Hart Lane fans are getting a little bit frustrated that our home record doesn't match our good away record but I can assure them we are just as frustrated.

Victory in a couple of those home games we lost would have put us on top of the League.

Hopefully, the visit of Liverpool to White Hart Lane on Saturday will see the start of a run of good home results.

Liverpool are always a very difficult side to beat but they are not as consistent as they have been.

Having said that, I understand they played well in beating Forest 2-0 in their last away match in the League so it will be all about on the day.

Our thinking this season has always been to let the opposition do the worrying and it will be the same on Saturday.

If there's anything we need to know about Liverpool, Ray Clemence should be able to tell us and naturally he'll be looking forward to the game for special reasons.

The following weekend it's Christmas, of course, and Spurs play at Ipswich on Boxing Day.



We'll be travelling up for the game at 6pm on Christmas Day — having spent the day with our families.

If things have gone according to plan, myself and my wife Anne will be in our new house by then.

The move is planned for early next week, so at present we're surrounded by packing cases!

My hopes for Christmas? I'm hoping to see Spurs get maximum points and see our record — 'The Tottenham Hotspur Party Album' — shoot up the charts!

In case you haven't seen it in the shops, the record contains about 30 sing-along numbers featuring the dulcet tones of the Spurs

players... and a couple of solo performances from yours truly!

Most of it was recorded in about six hours inside the pavilion at Spurs' training ground at Cheshunt. You can imagine we had a few laughs!

I'm music mad so I really enjoyed it. You never know — I might just record my own single one day!

Hope you have a happy Christmas. See you in the New Year...

Glenn Hoddle

THE 'Tykes' are on the march! Barnsley, Yorkshire's best bet for honours this season, are burning up the opposition and packing in the fans. Already one of the favourites for promotion from Division Two, they now have the League Cup in their sights. A magnificent victory over Manchester City has earned them a place in the last eight for the first time in the club's history... and a crack at Liverpool. Here Match turns the spotlight on football's team of the moment...

Action from Barnsley's Fourth Round League Cup defeat of Manchester City as Ray McHale (centre) clears from City striker Phil Boyer (right).



ARE BUZZING



The match was played at breakneck speed with Barnsley bombarding the City defence throughout the first half and yet having nothing to show for it.

"City weren't giving much away and we found it difficult to break them down. But we never lost patience," said Trevor.

The breakthrough came in the 52nd minute when he met a beautiful cross from Ian Banks to head past Joe Corrigan.

"There's no doubt it was one of the most important goals of my career," said Trevor.

"I wish I'd have scored it five minutes from the end because the last quarter was unbearable. The final 10 minutes seemed longer than the previous 80.

"But our defence was fabulous under the City pressure and I couldn't see them letting us down.

"The only time we were really worried was when Tommy Hutchison hit a splendid shot against the post. We were lucky. I thought it had gone in, but it's about time luck went our way. We've had similar efforts blocked."

It's incredible to think that just four years ago Barnsley were struggling for survival in the Fourth Division on gates of under 4,000.

"It's all down to our last two managers, Allan Clarke and Norman Hunter. They are both ambitious and there's no way they'd have been content to have stayed in the lower divisions," added Trevor.

BARNSELY'S TEN YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

Season	Division	Position
1971-72	3	22
1972-73	4	14
1973-74	4	13
1974-75	4	15
1975-76	4	12
1976-77	4	6
1977-78	4	7
1978-79	4	4 (promoted)
1979-80	3	11
1980-81	3	2 (promoted)
1981-82	2	?

"Allan laid the foundation stones before going to Leeds and Norman Hunter has carried on the good work.

"We're now one of the best teams in Yorkshire alongside the likes of Sheffield Wednesday and First Division Leeds.

"After struggling for so long, the fans are really enjoying our success. The town is positively buzzing and everyone loves us.

"I'm enjoying my football here more than I've ever done before. It's great to be playing in a successful side," said Trevor, who made just 29 League appearances for Chelsea.

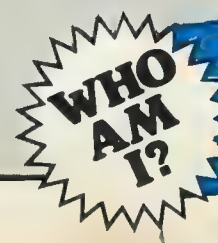
Although Wembley beckons Barnsley, Trevor is realistic enough to admit that promotion is the number one priority.

"We're all enjoying the Cup run but the main thing for us is to get into the First Division."

● DERRICK PARKER'S golden goal ... see Page 31.



Ronnie Galvin — Barnsley's top scorer in the League Cup with six goals.



I made more than 200 League appearances for one of the biggest clubs in the country. Now turn to page 22 for the next clue.

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LEICE



Back row (left to right) — Gary Lineker, Andy Peake, Tommy Williams, John O'Neill, Kevin MacDonald, Martin Henderson (now with Chesterfield), Billy Gibson.
Middle row — Paul Ramsey, Geoff Scott, Alan Young, Larry May, Nicky Walker, Mark Wallington.

ESTER CITY



Norman Leet, Peter Welsh, Stewart Hamill.

Front row — Ian MacFarlane (assistant manager), Neil Grewcock, David Buchanan, Steve Lynex, Jim Melrose, Ian Wilson, Bobby Smith, Paul Friar, Jock Wallace (manager).



Above: "Quick and powerful" is the way 13-year-old Steven Parkinson of Bradford, West Yorkshire, describes Nottingham Forest striker Ian Wallace.

Right: Chelsea goalie Petar Borota "is one of the best goalkeepers in London," says Michael Madden of London W14.



STAR GALLERY

Below: This smashing portrait of Southampton's England captain Kevin was sent in by 12-year-old Gary Eyles of Bristol. "Kevin is a great character both on and off the field. He's unique," says Gary.



WHO AM I?

I am now playing in the Fourth Division with a big city club. Now turn to page 39 to discover my identity.

No more

LIVERPOOL can still win the League Championship this season.

That's my belief even though we've dropped some daft points and have quite a bit of ground to make up on the top clubs.

Among the leaders, Manchester United, Ipswich and Spurs will be the biggest threat to our title hopes but none of them have managed to establish a clear lead at the top of the table and that's good news for us.

It's been unbelievable this season because we just haven't been capitalising on the chances we've created. We're having most of the play and yet not sticking the ball in the back of the net.

I don't believe our overall play has been bad. It's just that we've thrown away some ridiculous points.

An example of that was earlier this season against Brighton at the Goldstone Ground. We were 3-1 up at one stage but had to be satisfied with a point in a 3-3 draw.

The League Championship is still there to be won and, if we can tighten up on our consistency, I'm sure we've got as good a chance as anyone.

There's only been one team who've deserved to beat us this season and that was Manchester United.

I don't think that even the most biased Southampton supporter can claim that their team deserved to beat us at Anfield a couple of weeks back. We totally dominated the game and lost to a last minute goal from Steve Moran.

On Saturday, we travel to one of my former clubs, Spurs, determined to put a dent in their title aspirations.

They've been more consistent



Spurs' skipper Steve Perryman — he'd give 100 per cent on one leg.

slip-ups!

Then Liverpool can take the title

says Graeme Souness

this season, although they do seem to play better away from White Hart Lane.

This is because they're a side who like to go forward on the break. Spurs are at their best when they storm out of defence in a quick move. At home, the pressure is on them to be attacking all the time.

Following the signing of my former Liverpool team-mate Ray Clemence, I believe Spurs are a better team now than when they won the FA Cup in May.

They'll concede fewer goals this season than they have for a few years because of Ray's presence. He already seems to have got the back four well organised.

One of the only players still at White Hart Lane from my days there is skipper Steve Perryman. He's a player I've always rated very highly. He'll give 100 per cent on one leg.

Matches against Spurs always remind me of our sensational 7-0 victory over 'The Cockerels' back in 1978-79 season as we stormed to the Championship.

It could have been such a different scoreline because they missed a couple of early chances to let us off the hook. After that, everything went our way.

The last goal will always stick out in my mind. It started from the back and involved four men ending with Terry McDermott getting a rare headed goal. It was tremendous one-touch stuff.

A new arrival at Anfield recently has been Scottish Under-21 defender Steve Nicol, who joined us from Ayr.

I've only played in the same team as Steve once — in a friendly against an Irish Select side in Dublin — but he did enough to convince me that he'll be a Liverpool regular in a few years.

He took Phil Neal's right back position and really impressed me. He's a good tackler, quick, and a tremendous passer of the ball.

Steve is just another threat to the regulars in the side now. Manager Bob Paisley has collected

a quality team of reserves who are really pushing the first teamers.

In the past year, players like Sammy Lee, Ian Rush, Ronnie Whelan and Kevin Sheedy have come from the shadows to show their true potential and that's got to be good for the club.

Who knows, a couple of those players could have established themselves as regulars by this time next year.

As the end of December fast approaches it's time to reflect on the happenings of the last 12 months and look forward to the next year.

Liverpool's third European Cup success in Paris against Real Madrid was one of the most memorable moments of the year, but I must admit the highlight for me came in the semi-final against Bayern Munich.

Everyone had written us off following our first leg 0-0 draw at Anfield. But we showed guts and determination to go through on the away goals rule thanks to a Ray Kennedy effort in a 1-1 draw.

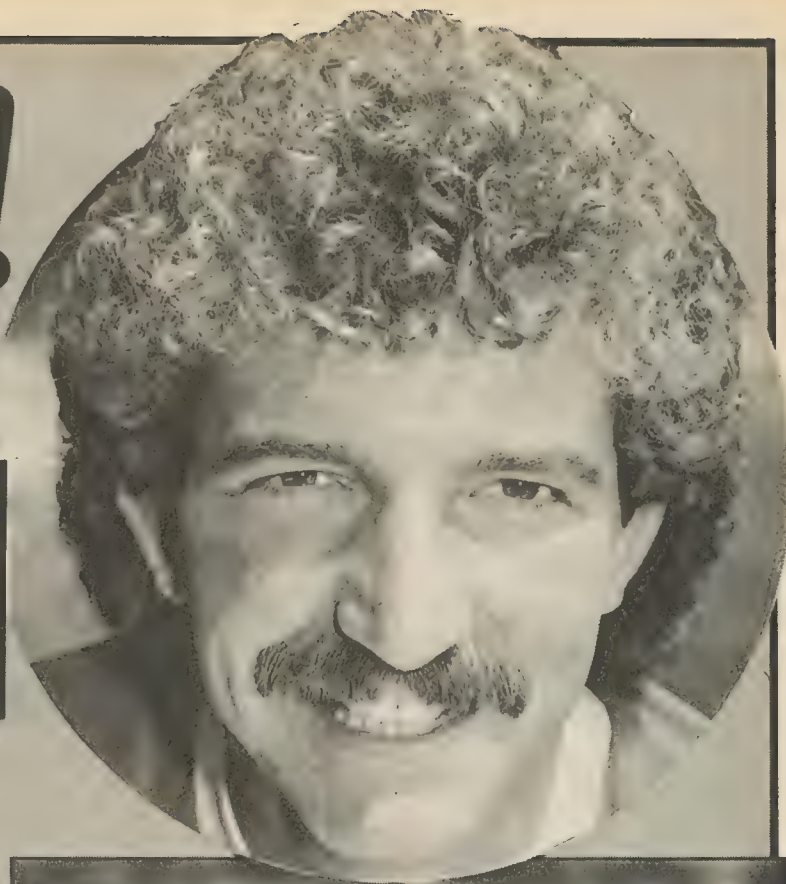
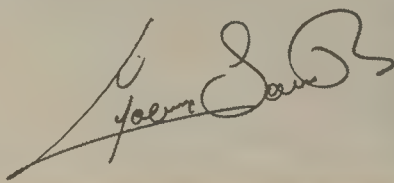
It was tremendous to pick up a European Cup winners medal in Paris but I believe our real achievement was in the semi-final.

Liverpool also won the League Cup last season after a replay with West Ham at Villa Park and that must go down as the biggest disappointment of the year.

I played in the 1-1 draw at Wembley but missed the replay. It was a strange experience for me joining the rest of the lads on their lap of honour. They were in their kit while I was dressed in my suit.

As this is my last column before Christmas I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all the best for the festive season.

See you in the New Year!



Southampton's young striker Steve Moran scored the winner against us at Anfield. Even the most biased Southampton fan can't claim they deserved to win.

Don't miss my column in two weeks' time when I'll be telling you all about Liverpool's exciting trip to Japan for the World Club Championship and my feelings on our FA Cup draw.



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One Gary Bailey!

THE race is on to find Match Weekly's top stopper — the goalkeeper with the safest hands in soccer.

We've compiled exclusive tables — so popular with the fans last season — which show you who has been performing well between the posts in the first three months.

And we'll be updating the tables as the season progresses.

MANCHESTER United's Gary Bailey, out of action recently with a broken finger, is still on course to retain his crown as the First Division's 'top stopper'.

The England Under-21 international goalkeeper conceded only nine goals in United's first 15 League matches... an impressive average of one goal every 150 minutes.

Those figures form the backbone of revitalised United's concerted bid to bring the First Division Championship to Old Trafford for the first time since 1967.

Gary leads the way from Arsenal's Pat Jennings whose experience and brilliance has been an integral part of Northern Ireland's successful World Cup qualifying campaign.

Brighton's Graham Moseley is still in third place despite the team's loss of their early season momentum, but both Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool) and Joe

Corrigan (Manchester City) have made significant headway in the table during the past month.

United's Gary Bailey is the overall leader in the country — counting all four English divisions — with three sharing second place.

They are Chesterfield's John Turner and Walsall's Ron Green, joint leaders in Division Three, and Sheffield United's Keith Waugh.

THE first column after the keeper's name in the table below shows the number of League games each goalkeeper has played.

The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column is the average number of minutes play between each goal.

For instance, Swansea's Dai Davies conceded, on average, one goal every 61 minutes during his 17 matches.



DIVISION ONE

Keeper	Games	Goals	Mins. played per goal
1 Gary Bailey (Man. United)	15	9	150
2 Pat Jennings (Arsenal)	16	12	120
3 Graham Moseley (Brighton)	16	15	96
4 Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool)	16	16	90
5 Joe Corrigan (Man. City)	15	16	84
6 Tony Godden (West Brom)	12	14	77
7 Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa)	16	19	76
7 Paul Cooper (Ipswich)	16	19	76
7 Ray Clemence (Tottenham)	16	19	76
10 Phil Parkes (West Ham)	13	16	73
11 Peter Shilton (Nott'm Forest)	17	22	70
12 Paul Bradshaw (Wolves)	17	23	67
13 Jim Arnold (Everton)	16	22	65
14 Jeff Wealands (Birmingham)	12	17	64
15 Dai Davies (Swansea)	17	25	61
16 Peter Fox (Stoke)	16	24	60
17 Jim Blyth (Coventry)	17	26	59
18 Jim Platt (Middlesbrough)	18	30	54
18 Barry Siddall (Sunderland)	15	25	54
20 Raddy Avramovic (Notts Co)	17	31	49
21 John Lukic (Leeds)	17	32	48
22 Peter Wells (Southampton)	10	20	45

DIVISION TWO

	Games	Goals	Mins
1 Paul Barron (C. Palace)	17	14	109
2 Terry Gennoe (Blackburn)	18	17	95
2 Peter McDonnell (Oldham)	18	17	95
2 John Burridge (QPR)	18	17	95
5 Jake Findlay (Luton)	18	17	95
6 Mark Wallington (Leicester)	13	13	90
6 Kevin Carr (Newcastle)	17	18	85
	18	19	85

DIVISION THREE

	Games	Goals	Mins
1 John Turner (Chesterfield)	18	13	125
1 Ron Green (Walsall)	18	13	125
3 David McKellar (Brentford)	17	15	102
4 Mervyn Cawston (Southend)	15	15	90
5 Willie Boyd (Doncaster)	17	19	81
5 Roy Burton (Oxford)	18	20	81

DIVISION FOUR

	Games	Goals	Mins
1 Keith Waugh (Sheff. United)	18	13	125
2 Neil Freeman (Peterborough)	13	10	117
3 Bob Ward (Wigan)	10	9	100
4 Mike Walker (Colchester)	18	17	95
5 Iain Hesford (Blackpool)	13	13	90
6 Vince O'Keefe (Torquay)	18	19	85

SCOTTISH PREMIER

	Games	Goals	Mins
1 Hamish McAlpine (Dundee United)	13	11	106
2 Jim McArthur (Hibernian)	15	14	96
3 Pat Bonner (Celtic)	15	15	90
4 Jim Leighton (Aberdeen)	15	16	84
5 Billy Thomson (St Mirren)	15	18	75

(League matches up to and including those played on December 5.) Only goalkeepers who have played at least 10 games qualify.

Call up Gidman!

KOP THAT!

MATCH Weekly reader Steve Coyle has got to be joking with his letter 'Dalglish is past it' in your November 28 issue. Dalglish and Liverpool are first class. The Reds may have made a slow start but they can still produce top quality football.

Vulnerable

Steve Coyle must be an Everton fan. He says Thompson and Grobbelaar are vulnerable. It takes guts to say that! Grobbelaar is new and it must unnerve anyone to play in front of the Kop. It took Ray Clemence 14 years to get used to it. Liverpool are fabulous. Alison Athey (15), Killingworth, Newcastle.

IT'S time Ron Greenwood called John Gidman into the England team.

He could be a key figure in England's World Cup campaign.

The right back position is England's weakness and Gidman should be the man to

occupy it.

He can't be worse than Phil Neal or Viv Anderson, who let their country down but not their clubs. Abdul Mannan, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester.

Right: John Gidman a key man.

RAINBOW ROVERS

WHILE looking through Match Facts in a recent issue of Match Weekly I noticed a lot of players whose surname is a colour.

So I made up my own 'colourful' team. It is: Ron Green (Walsall), Nigel Gray (Orient), Frank Gray (Leeds), Stuart Gray (Forest),

Roger Brown (Fulham), Chris Whyte (Arsenal), Ally Brown (West Brom), Andy Gray (Wolves), Steve White (Luton), Eddie Gray (Leeds), Peter Rhoades-Brown (Chelsea). Sub: Eric Black (Aberdeen).

Michael Cloudsdale (15), Ulverston, Cumbria.

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Hoddle needs to tackle

THERE has never been any doubt that Glenn Hoddle is gifted with the same talent Trevor Brooking and Bryan Robson displayed against Hungary at Wembley.

Unfortunately, judging by his performances at international level so far, he lacks the commitment that saw both Brooking and Robson throwing themselves into tackles which matched their spirited attacks on goal. Unless Glenn is prepared to work at this less glamorous part of his game he may well come under increasing pressure from players who are.

The England squad will need Glenn in Spain. He's now got to convince Ron that they need him in the team. Mark Haley, Spalding, Lincs

HILL'S GOT THE LOT!

DON'T be surprised if the name of Ricky Hill is among the squad that Ron Greenwood takes to Spain.

Regular followers of Second Division soccer will already appreciate the skills of the Luton midfielder.

He has superb balance, distribution, stamina and natural ability. Ron is sure to appreciate a player who combines the qualities of Brooking, Wilkins, Keegan and Hoddle.

If Ron used the Home Championships to try new talent then a few visits to Kenilworth Road would provide him with a new candidate for a place in his team.

Peter Holmes (16), Brickhill, Bedford.

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IT beats me why so many people criticise football.

I read about falling gates, transfer madness, managers and players with their priorities all wrong and, of course, the 'disgraceful' England team.

I support Liverpool but when they lose, absurd things appear in the newspapers.

What people should be talking about is who England will meet in Spain. And what better way is there for a person to forget his worries than to cheer on his favourite team.

It may not put the unemployed in jobs but it will take their minds off it for 90 minutes on a Saturday afternoon.

Jimmy Julien (14), Acton, London.

Thrown to the Wolves

I THINK it's a disgrace the way Wolves treated John Barnwell (pictured right).

If the players really did want him to stay then let them display their feelings to the directors... but privately.

Bringing it out into the media and arguing publicly blackened the face of English football. I wish they had treated it more delicately.

Patrick Spence, Fulham, London.



WAKE UP, KEVIN

QUALIFYING for Spain has gone to Kevin Keegan's head! How can he seriously believe England can win the World Cup when we couldn't beat poor sides like Norway and Switzerland?

It's time Keegan came down from cloud nine and faced reality.
R. Mallender, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

OUTRAGED!

OUTRAGED at something concerning soccer? Then write and tell us about it.

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Hammered

I'M outraged that Frank Lampard talks about himself and Billy Bonds providing the experience in the West Ham side.

If he thinks he's a great player he should watch the skill of Russell Osman, Phil Neal and other great players. As for Billy Bonds, he's not even fit to be a

footballer.
Adrian Ruffell, Hitcham, Suffolk.

● YOU'RE not fit to call yourself a football fan! Pity there aren't more like Frank and Billy around. You're sent off for decrying two great professionals.

Hot favourites for the drop

I'M outraged that the North-East is called a 'hot-bed of soccer'.

Middlesbrough and Sunderland will both be relegated this year and Newcastle were knocked out of the League Cup by Third Division Fulham!

Trevor Jones (14), Linthorpe, Cleveland.

● THERE'S no chance of Middlesbrough and Sunderland being relegated this year. Next year, maybe. You're booked.

WELSH HAVE IT TOO EASY!

I'M outraged that English teams have to overcome the might of teams like Ipswich, Spurs, Liverpool, West Ham and Manchester United to win the FA Cup and enter Europe, when in Wales all teams have to overcome are clubs like Swansea, Wrexham, Cardiff and Newport to earn a place in the Cup Winners Cup — via the Welsh Cup.

Worse still, when Hereford and Shrewsbury enter the Welsh Cup to make up the numbers, it doesn't count if they win it. The highest placed Welsh club goes through into Europe.

Mark Kingston, Little Cowarne, Herefordshire.

● WELSH clubs have it hard enough without making it more difficult. You're booked.

PENALTY PROTEST

I'M outraged by the rule which knocked Stoke City out of the League Cup... when they lost on penalties to Manchester City. Surely they should have had another replay.

David Hart, Denton, Manchester.

● PENALTIES are by no means a perfect way to decide a cup-tie, but Stoke should have done the job during the game. You wouldn't have moaned had they won. You are booked.

Where were you, England?

I WAS outraged to hear you say in reply to one letter: 'What have Scotland done in the World Cup Finals?'

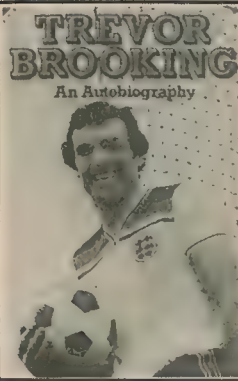
I'll tell you. In 1974, we were the only unbeaten team in the finals and in 1978 we beat the eventual winners.

Where were England at this time? Sitting in their armchairs watching it on TV!
William Mochan, Aberdeen.

● SO the England players enjoy horror shows? You're booked.

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ENGLAND goalkeeper Ray Clemence comes up against his former club on Saturday for the first time since his £300,000 move to Spurs.

Liverpool's visit to White Hart Lane — a clash which promises to provide classic entertainment — gives Ray a chance to show his 'old' team mates that he has lost none of his class.

For so many years a key figure as the last line of Liverpool's defence, he'll now be bent on preventing them from scoring.

And he'll be hoping that Saturday signals the start of a change in home fortunes for his new club.

Spurs' home defeat at the hands of Coventry a fortnight ago was their fifth in nine League matches at White Hart Lane.

And Liverpool are sure to test Keith Burkinshaw's team to the full yet again.

But I'm taking Spurs and Ray to make it a wasted trip for the European Champions.

Coventry meanwhile will travel to Midlands rivals Birmingham a little more confident, having at last gained their first away victory ... at Spurs.

But Birmingham's home record is a good one and I fancy them to end the day with maximum points.

I've predicted scorelines for ten of

Pictured left is my special guest opponent this week — Match reader Stephen Gandy. Stephen (14) is a Manchester City fan and his favourite players are Trevor Francis and Kevin Reeves.



Saturday's matches from up and down the country and the challenge is beat me if you can.

My special guest opponent this week is Stephen Gandy of Wytheshawe, Manchester, and you can see his predictions alongside mine in the special panel.

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● Congratulations to Amanda Bellis — my opponent in the December 5 issue of Match — who beat me six points to five.

BEAT PAUL'S PREDICTIONS

MATCH	MY FORECAST	GUEST'S FORECAST	YOUR FORECAST	RESULT
Birmingham v Coventry	2-1	3-1		
Southampton v Arsenal	2-0	1-0		
Spurs v Liverpool	2-1	1-2		
Norwich v Sheff. W.	1-1	2-2		
Oldham v Orient	3-0	2-0		
Exeter v Lincoln	3-1	2-2		
Huddersfield v Newport	2-0	1-1		
Hartlepool v Blackpool	1-1	1-0		
Hull v Halifax	4-1	2-0		
Airdrie v Morton	2-0	1-1		

WHO WON THIS WEEK?

POINTS SCORED

PAUL _____
YOURSELF _____

Aggregate scores carried forward to next week

PAUL _____
YOURSELF _____

FIXTURES

Friday, Dec. 18

DIVISION TWO
Rotherham v Wrexham

DIVISION THREE
Chester v Bristol C

DIVISION FOUR
Colchester v Crewe

Scunthorpe v Stockport

Tranmere v Peterborough

Saturday, Dec. 19

DIVISION ONE
Birmingham v Coventry

Brighton v Leeds

Everton v Aston Villa

Man. City v Sunderland

Middlesbrough v Swansea

Southampton v Arsenal

Stoke v Man. Utd

Tottenham v Liverpool

West Brom v Notts County

West Ham v Wolves

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Luton

Bolton v Charlton

Cambridge v QPR

Cardiff v Grimsby

Chelsea v Blackburn

Newcastle v C. Palace

Norwich v Sheff. Wed

Oldham v Orient

Shrewsbury v Leicester

Watford v Derby

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Carlisle

Burnley v Southend

Doncaster v Walsall

Exeter v Lincoln

Huddersfield v Newport

Preston v Fulham

Reading v Brentford

Swindon v Portsmouth

Wimbledon v Oxford

DIVISION FOUR

Hartlepool v Blackpool

Hereford v Bournemouth

Hull v Halifax

Sheff. Utd v Darlington

Torquay v Port Vale

Wigan v Aldershot

York v Bury

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Aberdeen v St Mirren

Airdrie v Morton

Dundee Utd v Celtic

Hibernian v Partick

Rangers v Dundee

FIRST DIVISION

Ayr v Queen of South

Clydebank v Hearts

Dunfermline v Hamilton

East Stirling v Raith

Motherwell v Dumbarton

Queen's Park v Kilmarnock

St Johnstone v Falkirk

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v Albion

Clyde v Brechin

East Fife v Berwick

Montrose v Meadowbank

Stenhousemuir v Cow'beath

Stirling v Forfar

Stranraer v Alloa

Sunday, Dec. 20

DIVISION ONE

Nottm Forest v Ipswich

DIVISION FOUR
Bradford v Mansfield

Northampton v Rochdale

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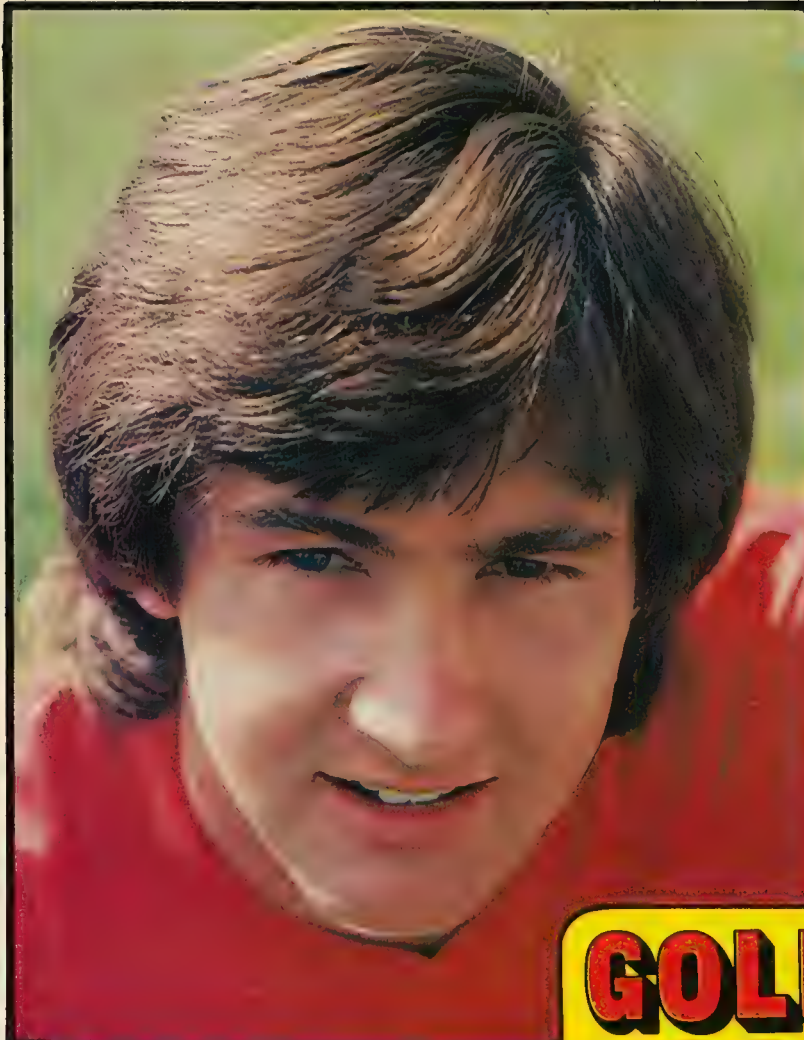


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GOLDEN GOAL

THE 13th minute certainly proved unlucky for Wrexham as they were shaken by a gem of a goal from Barnsley's Derrick Parker.

The former Southend and Burnley striker struck with a devastating left-foot shot from fully thirty yards that left goalkeeper Eddie Niedzwiecki clutching thin air.

There seemed little danger as Ian Evans won an aerial challenge from a goal-kick.

The ball dropped into space just inside the Wrexham half and Derrick was first to realise the potential.

Wild

With space ahead and no immediate challenge, Derrick strode a few yards before sending the 14,000 crowd wild with a left foot shot that curled viciously into the top corner.

Eleven minutes later, he was receiving the adulation of the fans again, following a cheeky back-heeled goal from Ray McHale's

Derrick's curler rocks Wrexham

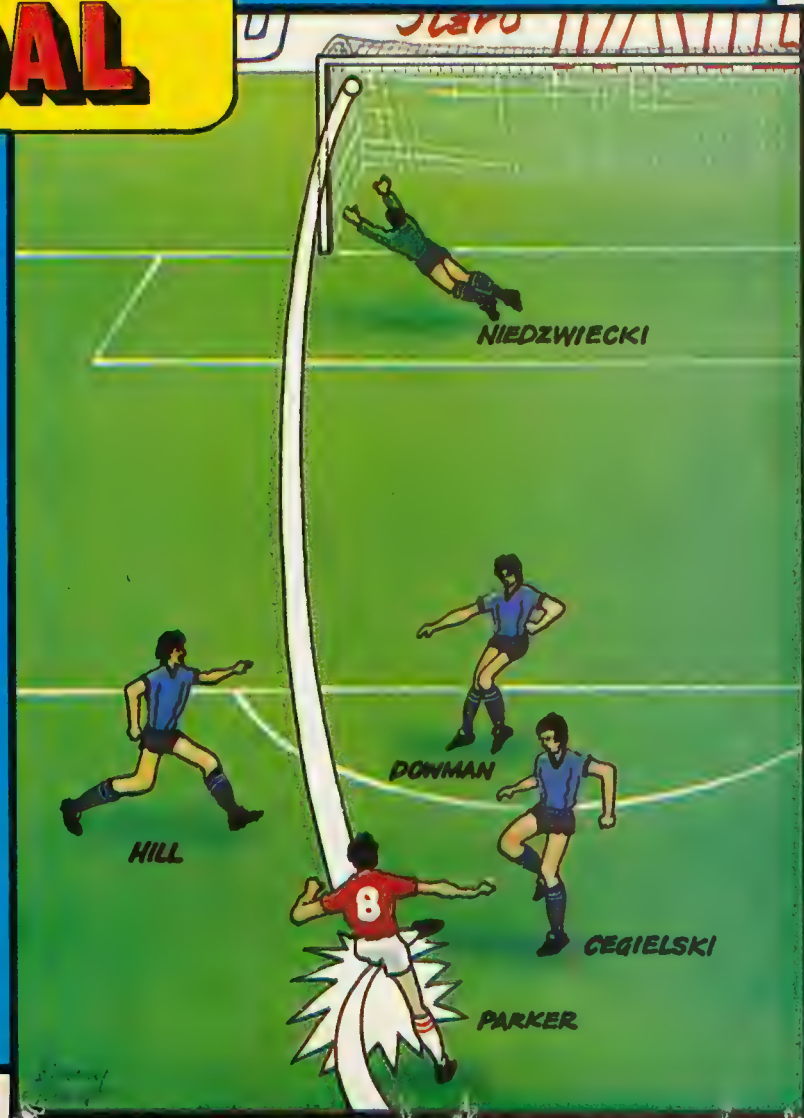
attempted drive.

But Derrick's day was marred as Wrexham came back from the dead to snatch a point with goals from Steve Buxton and Frank Carrodus.

Crucial

However, the memory of that opening goal from Derrick helped to console the fans who saw a crucial promotion point slip away.

● **BARNSELY** are buzzing! Read about the exploits of Norman Hunter's League Cup giantkillers on Pages 18 and 19.



EUROPE'S BEST BET

WEST German manager Jupp Derwall (left) believes his side has the potential to regain the World Cup next year.

After a 100 per cent record in Group One with 33 goals in eight matches, the Germans look to be the best bet from Europe for soccer's greatest prize.

"We need fear no comparison. I don't want a team that is praised to the skies and revives the image of the arrogant Germans," says Jupp.

"But this current side has produced such convincing performances that in other countries they would have lit bonfires.

"Our team has it in them to be World Champions. We really should finish in the first four and the toughest competition should come from Argentina and Brazil."

One of their key men will undoubtedly be Karl-Heinz Rummenigge who recently scored five goals in two games — a hat-trick in the 8-0 drubbing of Albania and two in the 4-0 win

over Bulgaria which ensured Austria's passage into the Finals.

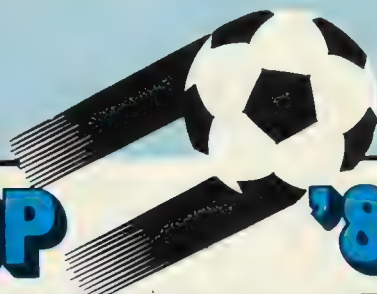
But Jupp could face a host of team selection problems.

Another of his new young stars, Hans-Peter Briegel, who is reckoned to be one of the tightest markers in the World, is disenchanted with the way things are going in the national team since the introduction of Paul Breitner.

"It is Felix Magath and I who suffer the most because we see so much less of the ball," says the Kaiserslautern star.

Briegel's outburst could be the start of a new campaign that means the end of Breitner's career.

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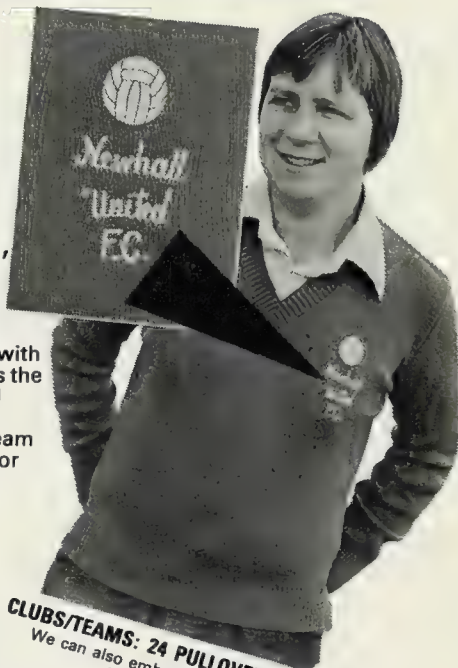
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Cunningham is fighting to be fit

REAL Madrid and England winger Laurie Cunningham is on his way back to fitness.

That's the latest news from Spain where the former West Brom winger is recovering from a knee injury that at first appeared to spell the end of his career there.

But Vujadin Boskov, Real's Yugoslav manager, says: "Only one ligament has been affected and he will be back in the New Year."

Cheers for Chinese

CHINA sent thousands of their young fans into ecstasy in Peking while they were winning 2-0 against Saudi Arabia in Kuala Lumpur to present them with a great chance of reaching the World Cup Finals.

The 2-0 win with goals from defenders Huang Xiandong and Cai Jingbiao put them three points clear at the top of the final Asia-Oceania group.

The match was played in Kuala Lumpur because China and Saudi Arabia have no diplomatic relations — but it was a home game for China.

Scrapbook
ONLY 25 WEEKS TO GO ...

The Cameroon go through

THE Cameroon have joined Algeria as the African representatives in the World Cup Finals.

They followed up a 2-0 home victory in the first leg with a 2-1 win in Morocco watched by a crowd of 120,000.

Algeria qualified earlier this season by defeating Nigeria.

Yugoslavia are top

YUGOSLAVIA, already home and dry with Italy in Group Five, completed their World Cup qualifying programme with a 2-1 victory in Greece.

Surjac and Jerkovic got the goals in a win that guaranteed them top place in the section.

MEXICO MISERY

MEXICO, who were disappointing in the 1978 World Cup Finals after surprising many experts by actually qualifying, have once again failed to make any impression.

They went out of the qualifying competition when they could only draw with Honduras.

Match Facts.... Match Facts.... Match Facts....

FROZEN OUT!

FOOTBALL was frozen out at the weekend as the winter did its worst.

Just 13 games - lucky for some - survived the weather and it was a case of Christmas shopping for many instead of standing on the terraces.

Here's a detailed run-down on the games that did survive the worst conditions in living memory.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

League Cup, Fourth Round

LIVERPOOL (0) 3 (Johnston 93, McDermott, pen 100, Dalglish 107)
ARSENAL (0) 0
After Extra Time
 Att: 21,375
 Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6,
 ★**LAWRENSON** 8, Hansen 6, Kennedy, A 7,
 Lee 6 (sub. Johnston 7), McDermott 6, Souness
 7, Kennedy, R 6, Dalglish 7, Rush 7.
 Arsenal: Wood 6, Robson 6, O'Leary 6, Whyte
 6, ★**SANSOM** 7, Hollins 6, Nicholas 6 (sub.
 Hankin 6), Talbot 6, Davis 5, Sunderland 5, Rix
 6.
 Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Worcs.)
 Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE v WEST BROM — Match
 Postponed

Division One

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
BRIGHTON (0) 2 (Ritchie 62, Gattig 67)
 Att: 22,128
 Southampton: Katalinic 6, Golac 5, Holmes 6,
 Williams 5, ★**NICHOLL** 8, Waldron 7, Keegan
 6, Channon 5, Moran 5, Armstrong 6, Ball 5.
 Brighton: Moseley 7, Shanks 6, Nelson 6,
 Grealish 5, Foster 7, Gattig 6, Ryan 6, Smith 6,
 Ritchie 6, ★**MENAB** 8, Thomas 7.
 Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★

Group Cup Quarter-Finals

BURNLEY (2) 2 (Holt, Scott)
WATFORD (0) 1 (Blissett)
 Att: 2,658
NEWPORT (0) 0
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Beacock, Drinkell)
 Att: 2,206

Wednesday, Dec. 9

UEFA Cup Third Round, Second Leg

HAMBURG (1) 3 (Hrubesch, Memering pen,
 Jakobs)
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (McGhee)
 Att: 45,000
 (Hamburg win 5-4 on aggregate)

DUNDEE UNITED (3) 5 (Milne 2, Bannon,
 Hegarty, Narey)
WINTERSLAG (Belgium) (0) 0
 Att: 14,000
 (Dundee United win 5-0 on aggregate)

Other results: Kaiserslautern (W. Germany)
 4, Lokeren (Belgium) 1 (Agg. 4-2); Dynamo
 Bucharest (Romania) 0, Gothenburg
 (Sweden) 1 (Agg. 1-4); Neuchatel
 (Switzerland) 1, Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 0
 (Agg. 1-0); Feyenoord (Holland) 1, Radnicki
 (Yugoslavia) 0 (Agg. 1-2); Hajduk Split
 (Yugoslavia) 4, Valencia (Spain) 1 (Agg. 5-6).

League Cup, Fourth Round

EVERTON v IPSWICH — Match Postponed

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CRYSTAL PALACE v WEST BROM — Match
 Postponed

Group Cup Quarter-Finals

BRADFORD CITY (1) 1 (Jackson)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Dungworth)
After Extra Time; Shrewsbury win 4-3 on penalties

PETERBOROUGH v WIMBLEDON — Match
 Postponed

Saturday, Dec. 12

Division One

COVENTRY (0) 0
MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Tueart 20)
 Att: 22,398
 Coventry: Blyth 7, Thomas 8, Roberts 6 (sub.
 Kaiser 6), Jacobs 7, Dyson 8, Gillespie 7,
 Hendrie 7, Daly 7, ★**THOMPSON** 9, Hateley 6,
 Hunt 7.
 Man City: ★**CORRIGAN** 9, Ranson 7,
 McDonald 6, Reid 8, Bond 7, Caton 7, Tueart 7,
 Reeves 6, Francis 6, Hartford 7, Hutchison 7.
 Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (0) 0
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
 Att: 28,780
 Leeds: Lukic 7, Cherry 7, Gray, F 7, Stevenson
 6, Hart 7, ★**BURNS** 8, Harris 6, Graham 7,
 Butterworth 7 (sub. Connor 6), Hampson 7, Hird
 6.
 Spurs: ★**CLEMENCE** 8, Hughton 7, Miller 7,
 Roberts 7, Hazzard 7 (sub. Lacy), Perryman 7,
 Ardiles 7, Villa 6, Galvin 6, Hoddle 7, Crooks 6.
 Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Two

SWANSEA (1) 1 (James, R 34)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 2 (Young 77,
 Robertson; pen 89)
 Att: 17,550
 Swansea: Davies 6, Robinson 6, Marustik 7,
 Rajkovic 7, Irwin 7, ★**MAHONEY** 8, Curtis 7,
 James, R 7, James, L 7, Thompson 6, Latchford
 6.
 Nott'm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 6, Gunn 7,
 Gray 6, Young 7, Needham 7, ★**ROBER** 8,
 Wallace 6, Fashanu 6, Proctor 7, Robertson 7.
 Referee: D. Lloyd (Worcs.)
 Match Rating: ★★

Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
 Match Rating: ★★

QPR (0) 1 (Flanagan 72)
BARNLEY (0) 0
 Att: 10,972
 QPR: Burridge 6, Gregory 6, Fenwick 6,
 Waddock 6, Howe 6, Roeder 6,
 ★**MICKLEWHITE** 7, Flanagan 6, Sealy 5 (sub.
 Ferredy 6), Stewart 6, Gillard 6.
 Barnley: ★**HORN** 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 6,
 Glavin 6, Banks 6, McCarthy 6, Evans 5, Riley 6,
 Aylott 5, McHale 6, Barrowclough 6.
 Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
 Match Rating: ★★

FA Cup, Second Round

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Cowling 22)
 Att: 8,609
DONCASTER (2) 3 (Warboys 36, 89, Little 38)
PENRITH (0) 0
 Att: 6,282
DORCHESTER (1) 1 (Thorne, P 13)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Funnell 49)
 Att: 5,000
YORK (0) 0
ALTRINCHAM (0) 0
 Att: 3,786

Full Match Facts with line-ups and star ratings from the four FA Cup Second Round matches above will be published in our January 2 issue.

SCOTTISH Premier Division

DUNDEE (1) 3 (MacDonald 35, Sinclair 71,
 Fraser 75)
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Rodger 89)
 Att: 3,988
 Dundee: Blair 7, Barr 6, McLelland 6, Glennie
 6, MacDonald 7, Kidd 7, Cameron 6, Fraser 7,
 Sinclair 6, Mackie 6, ★**FERGUSON** 8.
 Airdrie: Martin 7, Cairney 6, Rodger 6, March 7,
 Anderson 6, McKeown 7, Walker 7 (sub.
 Thompson 6), Gordon 6, Flood 7, ★**CLARK** 8,
 McGuire 6 (sub. Steel 6).
 Referee: K. J. Hope (Glasgow)
 Match Rating: ★★

First Division

HAMILTON (0) 0
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Coyne 8, McKeown 52)
 Att: 1,033
KILMARNOCK (0) 0
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Beebie 26, Morton 53)
 Att: 1,800

Glasgow Cup, Semi-Final

RANGERS (0) 2 (Redford 83, 85)
CLYDE (0) 0
 Att: 4,000
 Rangers play Celtic in the final.

Scottish Cup, First Round

ARBROATH (0) 0
MEADOWBANK (0) 2 (Jobson 55, 72)
 Att: 592

LEADING SCORERS

(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Regis (West Brom)	11	4	15
Keegan (Southampton)	12	1	13
Chapman (Stoke)	10	1	11
Cross (West Ham)	9	2	11
Tueart (Man City)	9	2	11
Evans (Birmingham)	9	1	10
Wallace (Nott'm Forest)	7	3	10
Goddard (West Ham)	7	2	9
Latchford (Swansea)	9	0	9
Moran (Southampton)	8	1	9
Stapleton (Man. Utd.)	9	0	9
McDermott (Liverpool)	7	2	9

Division Two

White (Luton)	12	1	13
Aylott (Barnsley)	8	4	12
Stainrod (QPR)	10	2	12
Glavin (Barnsley)	5	6	11
Moore (Rotherham)	9	2	11
Wyde (Oldham)	10	1	11
Atkins (Shrewsbury)	8	2	10
Banks (Barnsley)	10	0	10
Hales (Charlton)	7	2	9
Fern (Rotherham)	7	2	9
Garner (Blackburn)	7	2	9
Stevens (Cardiff)	7	2	9

Division Three

Davies (Fulham)	13	1	14
Cassells (Oxford)	8	4	12
Chatterton (Millwall)	8	3	11
Kellow (Exeter)	10	1	11
Coney (Fulham)	4	6	10
Cunningham (Lincoln)	6	4	10
Mann (Bristol City)	6	4	10
Heale (Reading)	8	1	9
Stephens (Bristol Rovers)	8	1	9
White (Gillingham)	9	0	9

Division Four

Madden (Bury)	17	6	23
Allinson (Colchester)	12	2	14
Campbell (Bradford)	11	3	14
Walwyn (York)	12	1	13
Bremner (Colchester)	9	3	12
Cooke (Peterborough)	9	3	12
Johnson (Sheff.)	10	2	12
Hatton (Bury, Utd.)	8	3	11
Bamber (Blackpool)	9	1	10
Edwards (Sheff. Utd.)	9	1	10
Houghton (Wigan)	8	2	10
Mutrie (Hull)	10	0	10
Newton (Hartlepool)	7	3	10

SCOTTISH Premier Division

Clark (Airdrie)	12	2	14
Sturrock (Dundee Utd.)	7	6	13
McCluskey (Celtic)	10	2	12
McGarvey (Celtic)	8	4	12
Bannon (Dundee Utd.)	5	5	10
MacDonald (Rangers)	5	5	10

First Division

Frye (Ayr)	7	8	15
Millar (Clydebank)	13	2	15
McLaughlin (Motherwell)	12	1	13
McNaughton (Dunfermline)	10	2	12
McClelland (Motherwell)	9	1	10

Second Division

Lawson (Berwick)	13	4	17
Forrest (Cowdenbeath)	11	3	14
Davidson (Berwick)	8	5	13
Robb (Arbroath)	8	5	13
Jobson (Meadowbank)	8	5	13
Campbell (Brechin)	8	3	11

Cup draw lifts the gloom

CUP cracker! The FA Cup third round draw lifted the gloom of a snowbound Saturday.

It wasn't a draw for the smaller clubs to relish, but a real battle of the First Division giants.

Cup holders Spurs couldn't have asked for a tougher start to their defence. They entertain arch North London rivals Arsenal at White Hart Lane.

'The Gunners' are still smarting over last season's defeat in the League Cup when Argentinian midfielder ace Ossie Ardiles bundled them out of the fourth round with the only goal of the game.

And to add to the drama the two clubs meet five days before in the First Division for a dress rehearsal! White Hart Lane will be packed to the rafters for both meetings.

West Ham, Cup winners in 1980, are at home to Everton — the team they beat in the semi-final that season.

The draw also means something special to Swansea manager John Toshack. His First Division newcomers are at home to European champions Liverpool.

Former Liverpool idol John said: "We've been praying for a tie like this for three years. It should be a very interesting game."

The Welsh club, who have made a splendid start to their first ever season in the top flight, have already met Liverpool this

season. They drew 0-0 at Anfield.

First Division strugglers Wolves and Leeds are desperate for a good Cup run to liven up a depressing season for the two once-powerful clubs.

The two meet at Molineux in a game that's bound to be played at full throttle. The Midlands club have a tremendous Cup record under manager John Barnwell and he'll be keen to see it extended.

League Champions Aston Villa haven't made the start to the season that everyone has expected and they'll find determined Notts County no pushover at Villa Park.

Title-chasers Manchester United won't be relishing the visit to Vicarage Road, Watford. The memory of their 2-1 League Cup defeat at Old Trafford in 1978 still haunts them.

Last season's beaten finalists Manchester City are at home to Cardiff and that means former City striker Dave Bennett gets an unexpected chance to prove the First Division club were wrong to sell him.

Dave was sold to Cardiff in the close season after playing an important part in City's Cup run.

There is a chance of a real upset in one of the matches. Non-League Barnet and Wycombe battle it out this week for the right to meet First Division Brighton.

Middlesbrough — George Best and all — travel down to London and get their first taste of Queens Park Rangers' synthetic pitch.

The Second Division promotion chasers have been unbeatable at Loftus Road this season and Bobby Murdoch's struggling side could come a cropper on the new-style surface.

Southampton, going well at the top of the First Division, won't be looking forward to the trip to Filbert Street where they meet Leicester.

The club are desperate for a return to the top flight and a First Division scalp would do their confidence wonders.

All ties will be played on Saturday, January 2. The full FA Cup draw is:



Cup winner Osvaldo Ardiles celebrates after last season's triumph. His team Tottenham face North London rivals Arsenal in the third round this season.

Carlisle or Bishop Auckland v Huddersfield; Leicester v Southampton; Barnsley v Kettering or Blackpool; Enfield or Wimbledon v Crystal Palace; Peterborough or Walsall v Bristol City or Northampton; Barnet or Wycombe v Brighton; West Bromwich v Blackburn; West Ham v Everton; Stoke v Norwich; Coventry v Sheffield Wednesday; Chelsea v Hull or Hartlepool; Doncaster v Cambridge United; Swansea v Liverpool; Watford v Manchester United; Luton v Swindon or Sutton United; Rotherham v Sunderland; Newcastle v Brentford or Colchester; Shrewsbury v Port Vale or Stockport; Notts County v Aston Villa; Wolves v Leeds; Orient v Charlton; Bolton v Derby County; Bury or Burnley v York or Altrincham; Tottenham v Arsenal; Dagenham or Millwall v Grimsby; QPR v Middlesbrough; Gillingham or Barking v Oldham; Birmingham v Ipswich; Manchester City v Cardiff; Dorchester or Bournemouth v Aldershot or Oxford; Crewe or Scunthorpe v Hereford or Fulham; Nottingham Forest v Wrexham.

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Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Man Utd	18	6	2	1	14	4	3	3	14	11	32	
Ipswich	18	6	1	1	15	8	4	1	13	11	32	
Southampton	18	7	0	2	22	11	2	3	4	10	18	30
Swansea	18	6	2	1	16	6	3	1	12	21	30	
Tottenham	17	4	0	5	14	13	5	2	1	12	6	29
Nottm. F.	18	5	2	2	11	8	3	3	12	15	29	
Man. C.	17	5	3	1	15	5	3	1	4	7	12	28
Brighton	18	4	3	1	17	12	3	4	2	7	6	27
Arsenal	16	4	2	1	5	2	4	1	4	10	10	27
West Ham	18	4	3	1	19	13	2	5	1	14	9	26
Liverpool	16	3	3	2	12	7	3	3	11	9	24	
Coventry	18	5	2	2	19	9	1	2	6	8	18	22
Everton	17	5	1	2	14	8	1	3	5	8	15	22
West Brom	17	3	4	2	12	7	2	2	4	9	12	21
Stoke	18	4	0	5	14	12	2	2	5	9	16	20
Leeds	18	4	5	0	13	6	1	0	8	5	26	20
Aston Villa	18	2	3	3	9	10	2	4	2	12	9	19
Wolves	17	4	2	3	7	7	1	2	5	4	16	19
Birmingham	16	4	3	1	19	13	0	3	3	4	10	18
Notts Co	17	3	4	1	13	12	1	1	7	11	19	17
Middlesbrough	18	2	3	4	10	15	0	3	6	6	15	12
Sheff Wed	18	1	2	6	6	17	1	3	5	7	14	11

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Luton	18	7	0	2	24	10	8	2	1	17	9	41
Watford	18	5	3	1	16	8	5	1	3	12	13	34
Oldham	18	5	4	0	15	6	4	2	3	13	11	33
Q.P.R.	19	7	2	1	15	3	3	1	5	12	14	33
Barnsley	19	7	1	1	17	4	2	2	6	13	17	30
Sheff Wed	18	5	2	2	14	12	4	1	4	8	10	30
Chelsea	18	5	2	2	15	11	3	2	4	10	15	28
Blackburn	18	4	2	3	8	5	3	3	1	11	12	26
Leicester	18	3	4	2	10	7	3	3	3	14	12	25
Newcastle	18	2	2	1	15	5	1	1	7	8	14	24
Cardiff	18	5	1	3	13	14	2	2	5	9	14	24
Norwich	18	5	3	1	13	7	2	0	7	8	20	24
C. Palace	17	8	0	3	12	7	1	2	5	2	7	23
Shrewsbury	18	5	2	2	15	10	1	3	5	14	23	
Charlton	18	6	0	3	19	13	0	4	5	8	10	22
Derby	18	4	3	2	14	11	2	1	8	9	19	22
Rotherham	17	6	1	2	20	9	0	2	5	10	21	
Cambridge	18	5	0	4	15	11	2	0	8	10	18	21
Wrexham	18	3	0	6	9	14	2	3	4	11	12	18
Orient	18	3	3	3	9	2	0	7	3	11	18	
Grimsby	16	1	3	3	8	10	3	2	4	9	17	17
Bolton	18	4	0	5	10	13	1	1	7	3	14	16

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Chesterfield	18	5	2	2	14	8	5	2	2	13	5	34
Walsall	18	6	1	2	17	7	3	4	2	8	6	32
Carlisle	18	7	1	1	18	9	3	1	5	9	12	32
Southend	18	5	1	3	11	7	4	1	4	12	11	29
Fulham	18	5	3	1	16	8	3	2	4	11	15	29
Gillingham	18	5	1	3	18	14	4	1	4	10	13	29
Brentford	18	2	3	4	5	0	6	1	2	16	9	28
Millwall	18	4	1	4	13	11	4	3	2	13	10	28
Oxford	18	4	2	3	10	7	4	2	3	14	13	28
Doncaster	18	6	1	2	15	6	2	3	4	9	15	28
Reading	18	4	2	3	12	14	4	2	3	11	11	28
Bristol R.	18	4	2	3	15	15	2	2	4	11	11	25
Exeter	18	5	0	4	21	22	2	3	4	12	17	5
Lincoln	18	3	3	3	14	10	3	2	4	13	14	23
Huddersfield	18	4	3	2	13	9	2	2	5	10	13	23
Newport	18	4	3	2	18	7	2	2	5	13	16	23
Portsmouth	18	4	3	2	12	8	1	4	4	8	13	22
Burnley	18	3	4	2	11	11	2	3	4	12	15	22
Swindon	18	3	2	4	14	13	3	2	4	8	13	22
Bristol City	18	3	3	3	11	11	2	3	4	7	11	21
Plymouth	18	3	2	4	14	12	2	2	5	6	12	19
Chester	18	0	6	3	6	11	3	1	5	7	13	16
Preston	18	2	4	3	6	8	1	2	6	9	19	15
Wimbledon	18	3	1	5	11	18	0	3	6	8	20	13

Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Colchester	18	7	1	2	26	6	6	0	3	17	11	40
Sheff Wed	18	7	2	0	20	5	5	2	2	13	8	40
Bradford C.	17	7	1	2	19	5	1	2	17	10	38	
Bury	18	8	0	2	29	9	3	3	3	14	16	36
Peterborough	18	8	0	1	24	5	3	3	3	8	11	36
Bournemouth	18	8	1	1	15	6	2	4	2	12	13	33
Wigan	18	7	1	1	15	6	2	4	2	12	13	33
Port Vale	18	5	2	2	12	9	3	3	3	11	11	29
Torquay	18	5	3	1	15	9	3	1	5	8	10	28
Blackpool	18	5	1	2	22	10	2	4	4	15	16	26
Stockport	18	7	0	2	20	9	0	6	4	15	24	
Hartlepool	18	4	2	3	14	13	2	2	5	10	15	22
Aldershot	18	4	1	4	14	12	2	2	5	10	22	21
Barnet	18	4	1	4	12	12	1	4	4	17	20	20
Barnet	18	3	4	2	11	11	1	4	4	6	11	20
Hereford	18	1	6	2	10	11	2	4	3	14	19	9
York	18	1	3	5	13	20	4	1	4	12	18	19
Rochdale	18	3	4	2	10	7	1	2	6	6	18	18
Tranmere	18	1	5	3	6	10	3	1	5	10	15	18
Mansfield	18	3	3	3	17	18	1	2	6	7	17	17
Halifax	18	2	3	4	8	12	1	3	5	9	20	15
Scunthorpe	18	2	4	3	12	16	1	1	7	5	17	14
Crewe	18	2	1	6	9	12	2	0	7	3	21	13
Northampton	19	2	3	5	11	13	0	2	7	9	28	11

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The two lucky winners of our England books competition which appeared in our England v Hungary supplement 'The Big Showdown' are: Chris Owen, Kirk Langley, Derbyshire; and Robert Bailey, Croydon, Surrey. Each wins a copy of 'England! The story of the national soccer team', signed by some of the England players.

Six runners-up each receive unsigned copies of the book and they are: Richard Symonds, Cheltenham; Barry Tomlinson, Chesterfield; Wayne Case, Preston; Martin Sharpe, South Harrow; Tony Scott, Worthington; and Michael Heath, Ipswich.

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SWANSEA CITY AND WALES

FULL NAME: Alan Thomas Curtis.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Pentre, Rhondda/April 16, 1954.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 10ins/12st 2lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Pauline.
CHILDREN: Ian (2½) and Gareth (16 months).
CAR: Granada 2.3 GL.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Leeds.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Duke' or 'Curt'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Torn ligaments and hamstring in January 1980.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Eddie Gray (Leeds) for his sheer skill and ability.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Wales.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Pele. Quite simply he's the greatest ever.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Jennings (N. Ire), Wilson (Eng), Charles (Wales), Cohen (Eng), Baxter (Scot), Moore (Eng), Allchurch (Wales), Best (N. Ire), Greaves (Eng), Law (Scot), Charlton, R (Eng).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin (Russia), Kaltz, Beckenbauer (W. Ger), Charles (Wales), Di Stefano (Spain), Puskas (Hungary), Maradona (Argentina), Best, Eusebio (Portugal), Pele, Garrincha (Brazil).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: White Hart Lane.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Dortmund, West Germany.
BEST GOAL SCORED: For Swansea against Leeds on the opening day of this season.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Jimmy Greaves for Spurs against Man. Utd after a great run.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: There are so many.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Promotion game at Preston last season when we got into the First Division for the first time in the club's history.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT: Playing for Swansea in Division One.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being injured for so long at Leeds.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Rugby and swimming.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing with my two children.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Travelling from away games.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Sport programmes and M.A.S.H.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Party Political broadcasts.
FAVOURITE READING: Fiction thrillers.
FAVOURITE POP STARS: Billy Joel, Barbra Streisand and Diana Ross.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Most kinds of fish.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Beer and tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Spain.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: James Coburn, Charles Bronson and Faye Dunaway.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Raiders of the Lost Ark.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family, Harry Griffiths and John Toshack.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Coaching at schoolboy level.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Toast and tea.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Wales youth, Under-21, and full caps.
PERSONAL AMBITIONS: To improve my game every season.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a major honour with Swansea.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: No definite plans yet.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Jimmy Loveridge (Swansea).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Golfer Jack Nicklaus.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to both good and bad advice and then decide which to take; but always train hard.



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FIVE-STAR FOSTER

The big names talk to Match Weekly! Here hot tip for Spain Steve Foster reveals his hopes at both international and club level . . .

BRIGHTON skipper Steve Foster knows he'll never get a better chance to claim England's much-discussed number five shirt.

With Southampton's Dave Watson seemingly out of the reckoning, 24-year-old Steve says: "The centre-half spot is up for grabs and this is the best chance I'll get to claim it.

"I've set my sights on a place in the World Cup Finals this summer."

But the talented defender believes it's essential that his team stays in the top half of the table. "My chance will only come if Brighton are doing well.

"There have been times when I've wondered if my chance has passed me by because England manager Ron Greenwood has seen me play several times and nothing has come of it."

Steve's only international experience was two years ago when he came on as substitute for Ipswich Town's Terry Butcher in the England Under-21 side's 1-0 defeat in East Germany.

"I thought I played quite well, but I've never had another chance," he says.

Being tipped as a future England centre-half by such names as Liverpool manager Bob Paisley and the man who had the job for so long, Dave Watson, naturally pleases Steve.

"Of course, I'm very flattered, but I don't take much notice of it. It's all paper talk. All I can do is keep playing well and hope my chance will come."

Steve has been the mainstay of Brighton's back four and is one of the main reasons why the south coast club has one of the best defensive records in the First Division.

But even though the 'Seagulls' are flying high near the top of the First Division, they are having problems pleasing their fans at The Goldstone Ground.

"The home fans have disappointed us. They've booed and slow handclapped us on a



Don Shanks — impressive at Brighton.

couple of occasions and that's really upset the players," said Steve.

"The fans don't like our style of play and get impatient when we play the ball around at the back until we see an opening up front.

"They'd prefer us to boot the ball straight upfield for the strikers instead of waiting for the right moment.

"Their reaction winds the players up and forces us to make mistakes. In an effort to please them we've been releasing the ball too early and making errors.

"It's got to such a stage where we prefer to play away," admitted Steve.

Brighton have been one of the surprise teams of the season with new manager Mike Bailey buying six new players in a bid to establish them as a top First Division side.

"The manager has bought some tremendous players. One who has particularly impressed me is Don Shanks — and he came on a free transfer."

Steve believes that Mike Bailey's new-look Brighton are capable of finishing in the top six and qualifying for a place in Europe next season.

"That's what I'm aiming for, I'd love Brighton to be in a European competition next season."

Steve Foster of Brighton — pushing West Ham's Alvin Martin for the England number five shirt.

TUMBLE-TOWN



Andy Rowland feels he is playing better than ever.

WE MUST GET BACK

ON THE RAILS, SAYS

SWINDON'S ANDY ROWLAND

SWINDON Town's form this season has been almost as variable as the English climate.

They opened their Third Division campaign in such convincing fashion that the previous season's relegation battle seemed like a bad dream rather than a factual experience.

John Trollope's side swept to the top of the table, losing only two of their first ten games.

But since a 5-0 hammering at Walsall in the middle of October, Swindon's form has plunged disastrously to the point where another relegation fight stares them in the face.

In a spell of eight matches, Swindon managed only two points and three goals to leave them hovering on the brink of the Third Division trap-door.

But striker Andy Rowland, one of the most consistent goalscorers in the lower divisions, wasn't surprised at Swindon's fall from the top although the distance of the drop concerns him.

"We did play reasonably well at the start of the season, particularly away from home, but the teams we played were not playing that well at the time," says Andy.

"We were scoring goals out of nothing and things were going well for us, but then we started giving away goals through individual errors.

"And a run of five successive defeats drained confidence to the extent where we now find ourselves at the wrong end of the table.

"The manager is trying to strengthen the squad with a couple of players, but that's not easy with money as it is today.

"We've got the basis of a good side and, in the Third Division at the moment, there are no exceptional teams.

"If we can get back on the rails again and pick up a few wins to boost confidence then there is still no reason why we can't finish in the top six."

Swindon may be struggling, but Andy feels he's playing at the top of his form.

"I'm playing better than ever even though I'm disappointed about not scoring more goals," says the former Derby and Bury player.

"When a team is playing well you can usually expect at least three chances a game, but at the moment I'm lucky if I get one.

"There have been a lot of changes in personnel in an attempt to find a winning blend and it takes time to understand how they play.

"We've had about three different wingers this season but we are not getting the ball into the penalty area enough.

"I've also had two or three different striking partners and this has had an unsettling effect."

Since the transfer last season of Alan Mayes to Chelsea, Andy is still searching for a fellow goal hunter.

His present partner is former England schoolboy international Paul Rideout, who is being tipped for stardom.

But as Andy points out: "There is no question that he has the potential to go far in the game, but there have been question marks over his attitude.

"It's no good going out in the Third Division and playing the game as if you are playing against youth players.

"There are some defenders who will kick you from pillar to post.

"I hope he settles down and gets his attitude right because it would be nice to have a regular partner up front.

"The success I had with Alan Mayes was born out of the fact that we played together for two years and knew each other's style.

"But since his departure I've had four or five different partners and that doesn't help."

Focus on Divisions

Three and Four

with Melvyn Beck

Loan star

EIRE striker Paul McGee wasted no time in making his mark on loan to Third Division Burnley.

The Preston forward scored twice in the FA Cup replay win at Runcorn, and a few days later popped in two more to earn Burnley a valuable 3-2 victory at Bristol City.

Goal for Garland

CHRIS Garland made his first League appearance for a year in Bristol City's 3-2 home defeat by Burnley.

The former Leicester and Chelsea striker, now in his second spell at Ashton Gate, was called up just an hour before the kick-off and he scored for good measure.

TORQUAY United gave First Division aristocrats Manchester United an unfriendly welcome to Plainmoor with four goals in the first 29 minutes of Tony Brown's testimonial match.

Two of the goals came from teenage striker Dave Butler.

Willie Young and Steve Cooper scored the other goals while Ray Wilkins and Lou Macari removed some of the embarrassment with second half replies.

Former England striker Tony Brown is now playing for Torquay after making a club record 574 League appearances for Albion during which he collected 218 goals.

On strike, brothers!

THE Chamberlain brothers from Port Vale believe in doing things together.

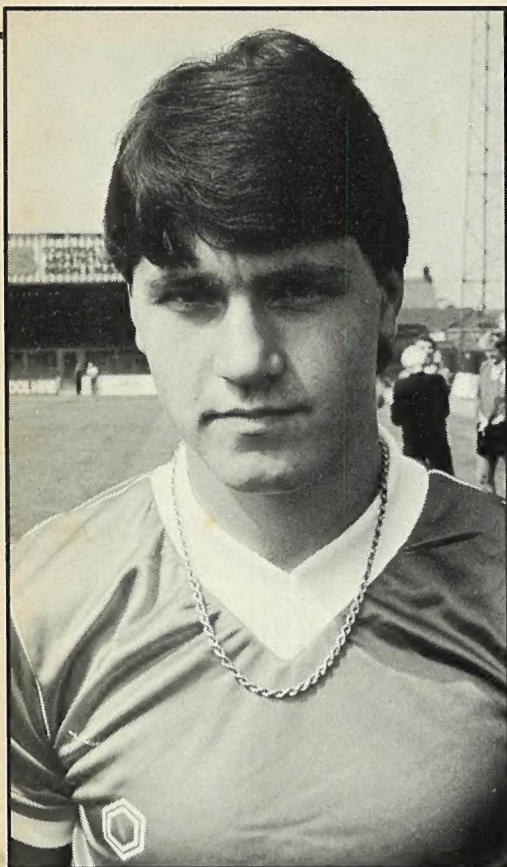
In the FA Cup first round tie with Lincoln, Mark and Neville scored the goals in the 2-2 draw.

A week later, both lads were on target again, this time in the 5-2 victory over Hartlepool.

Missing fans

STRUGGLING Mansfield had their lowest gate since the war for the visit of Hereford.

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Paul Rideout . . . Andy Rowland's new young striking partner at Swindon.

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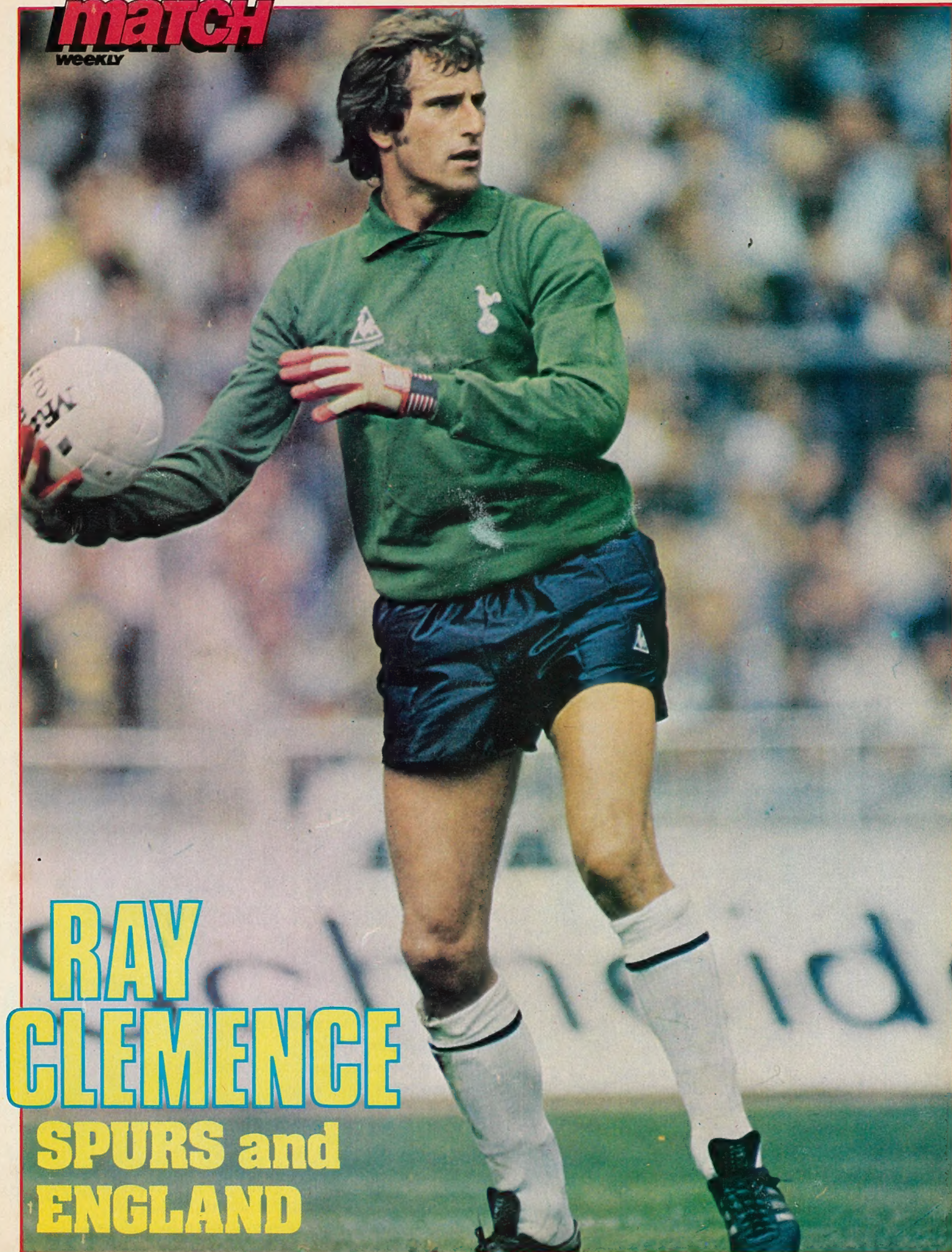
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